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Preface.

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The book is sent forth in the earnest hope that, by the blessing of God, it may help to promote the highest ends of Christian worship.

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Part I.

ORDINARY PUBLIC WORSHIP.

Invocation.

1. **This** is the day which the Lord hath made: we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Our voice shalt Thou hear in the morning, O God: in the morning will we direct our prayer unto Thee, and will look up. Give ear to our words, O Lord: consider our meditation: hearken unto the voice of our cry, O our King and our God.

2. **O God,** Thou art our God: early will we seek Thee. Our souls thirst for Thee: our flesh longeth for Thee, in a dry and thirsty land where no water is; to see Thy power and Thy glory, so as we have seen Thee in the sanctuary. Because Thy loving-kindness is better than life, our lips shall praise Thee. O satisfy our souls as with marrow and fatness, and our mouths shall praise Thee with joyful lips. Because Thou hast been our help, therefore in the shadow of Thy wings will we rejoice.

3. **In** the multitude of our thoughts within us, Thy comforts, O God, delight our souls. With Thee is the fountain of life: in Thy light shall we see light. O send out Thy light and Thy truth: let them lead us: let them

bring us to Thy holy hill, and to Thy tabernacles. Then will we go unto the altar of God, unto God our exceeding joy.

4. **O Lord,** we stretch forth our hands unto Thee; our souls thirst after Thee, as a thirsty land. Cause us to hear Thy loving-kindness in the morning; for in Thee do we trust. Cause us to know the way wherein we should walk; for we lift up our souls unto Thee. Teach us to do Thy will; for Thou art our God; Thy Spirit is good; lead us into the land of uprightness. Quicken us, O Lord, for Thy Name's sake.

5. **Praise** waiteth for Thee, O God, in Zion; and unto Thee shall the vow be performed. O Thou that hearest prayer, unto Thee shall all flesh come. Iniquities prevail against us; as for our transgressions, Thou shalt purge them away. Blessed is the man whom Thou choosest, and causest to approach unto Thee, that He may dwell in Thy courts. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Thy House, even of Thy holy Temple.

6. **Will** God in very deed dwell with men on the earth? Behold, Heaven and the Heaven of Heavens cannot contain Thee; how much less this house which we have builded. Yet have Thou respect unto the prayer of Thy servants, and to their supplications, O

Lord our God, to hearken unto the cry and to the prayer which Thy servants pray before Thee: hear Thou from Heaven Thy dwelling-place, and when Thou hearest forgive.

7. **Who** shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? Or who shall stand in His holy place? He that hath clean hands and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

Create in us a clean heart, O God; renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from Thy presence; take not Thy holy Spirit from us. Restore unto us the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold us with a free spirit.

8. **Unto** Thee, O Lord, do we lift up our souls. Show us Thy ways, O Lord, teach us Thy paths. Lead us in Thy truth and teach us, for Thou art the God of our salvation; on Thee do we wait all the day. Remember, O Lord, Thy tender mercies and Thy loving-kindnesses, for they have been ever of old. Remember not the sins of our youth, nor our transgressions. According to Thy mercy remember Thou us, for Thy goodness' sake, O Lord.

9. **Bow** down Thine ear, O Lord, hear us, for we are poor and needy. Rejoice the soul of Thy servants, for

unto Thee, O Lord, do we lift up our soul. For Thou, Lord, art good and ready to forgive, and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon Thee. All nations whom Thou hast made shall come and worship before Thee, O Lord, and shall glorify Thy Name. Teach us Thy way, O Lord, that we may walk in Thy truth; unite our heart to fear Thy Name, that we may praise Thee, O Lord our God, with all our heart, and glorify Thy Name for evermore.

10. **O Thou** Who art the Wisdom and the Word of God, mightily and sweetly ordering all things: Come to teach us the way of understanding. Thou, Who art the Lord and Leader of the house of Israel: Come to deliver us. O Thou Who hast the key of David, Who openest, and no man shutteth, Who shuttest, and no man openeth: Come, and bring forth the prisoners out of the prison house. O Sun of righteousness, shine on those who sit in darkness and under the shadow of death; for Thy Name's sake. Amen.

11. **Almighty** God, unto Whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from Whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy Holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

12. **O God,** in Whom and by Whom all things live, Thou commandest us to seek Thee, and

art ready to be found; Thou biddest us knock, and dost open unto us when we do so. We praise and bless and worship Thee; we give thanks unto Thee for Thy great glory. Come to us, and abide with us now, we humbly beseech Thee. Reign in our hearts, and make them fit for Thee to dwell in. O Thou Maker and Preserver of all things, visible and invisible, keep us, we beseech Thee, for our trust is in Thee. Guard us by Thy grace, here and in all places, now and at all times, for evermore. We ask all in the Name of Thy dear Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

13. **Thou,** O God, art the Guardian and Defender of all who trust in Thee. Without Thy protection we can find no safety; without Thine Almighty power we cannot resist the might of those who seek our hurt. Thou art great and doest wondrous things; Thou art God alone.

Help us now, our God and Father in Christ Jesus, to praise and magnify Thee, although we be unworthy. Shed abroad Thy love in our hearts. Let our souls behold Thy glory. Open Thou our lips, and our mouth shall show forth Thy praise; through Jesus Christ Thy Son our Saviour. Amen.

14. **O God** Who givest us not only the common days for labour and the nights for rest, but also the peace of this blessed Day: grant, we beseech Thee, that this time of holy quiet may be profitable to us in heavenly things,

and refresh and strengthen us to finish the work Thou hast given us to do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

15. O Lord our God, great in power and wonderful in glory, Who keepest covenant and promise for all who love Thee; Who art the Life of all who live, the Hope of all who cry unto Thee, the Help of all who flee unto Thee: cleanse us, we beseech Thee, from all our sins, secret and open, and from every thought displeasing to Thee. Purge us with hyssop, and we shall be clean; wash us, and we shall be whiter than snow; so that with a pure heart and a clear conscience, in faith and love and hope, we may pray unto Thee and praise Thee aright; through Jesus Christ Thy Son, our Saviour. Amen.

16. Sanctify us, O Lord, we beseech Thee, in body, soul, and spirit. Search our conscience. Cast out every evil thought, every base desire, all envy and malice, all wrath and pride, and all that is contrary to Thy holy will. Grant us now, with a pure heart and contrite spirit, to call upon Thee our God and Father in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

17. O God the Father, full of compassion, Thou didst so love the world that Thou gavest Thine only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not

perish, but have everlasting life. Lord Jesus, Thou Son of God, Thou art the propitiation for our sins, and for the sins of the whole world. Holy Spirit of God, Who proceedest from the Father and the Son, shew us the glory of the sufferings of Christ, and open our hearts for the Word of the Cross, that it may be to us the power of God and the wisdom of God. O God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost! hear our prayers for Thy love's sake, which hath won for us the right thus to call upon God, saying: Our Father, which art in heaven. . . . Amen.

18. **Eternal** God, infinite in power and wisdom, yet dwelling with the humble and contrite, and taking pleasure in Thy people: Thou hast consecrated for us a new and living way, that with boldness we may enter into the holiest, by the blood of Jesus. Behold us in Thy tender mercies. Put Thy fear into our hearts that with reverence we may serve Thee. Let the desire of our souls be to Thee, and let us worship Thee in spirit and in truth. Give us the hearing ear and the understanding heart. Cause us to magnify Thee with thanksgiving, and triumph in Thy praise, rejoice in Thy salvation, and glory in Thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

19. **Almighty** God, our Heavenly Father, Who hast promised to grant our requests in the name of Thy well-beloved Son: Thou hast taught us also in His name to assemble ourselves together, assured that He will be

present in the midst of us, to intercede for us with Thee, and obtain for us all things that we may agree on earth to ask Thee. Therefore, having met in Thy presence, dependent on Thy promise, we earnestly beseech Thee, O gracious God and Father, for His sake Who is our only Saviour and Mediator, that of Thy boundless mercy Thou wilt freely pardon our offences, and so lift up our thoughts and draw forth our desires toward Thyself, that we may seek Thee according to Thy holy and reasonable will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

20. **O God,** Who hast chosen Zion as Thy rest forever, and hast promised abundantly to bless her provision, to satisfy her poor with bread, and to cause her saints to shout aloud for joy: Grant that through the ordinances of Thy Church we may receive out of Christ's fulness, and grace for grace; and, being thus nourished by Thy Word and Sacraments, may be built up unto everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

21. **O Eternal** God, by Whom the whole Body of Christ is sustained and governed: We thank Thee that Thou hast called us to worship Thee in Thy holy Church. Reveal Thyself to us, according to Thy promises, in the appointed means of grace [and especially in the holy Sacraments]. Give a rich increase to each seed of good sown in our hearts, and by Thy almighty power keep us steadfast in the faith once delivered to the saints; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

22. **O Lord** our God, Who lovest the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob, and Who art ever nigh unto them that call upon Thee in truth: Be merciful to us, we beseech Thee, and make us joyful in Thy house of prayer. Be pleased to shed down Thy Holy Spirit on all that are here assembled; that, being cleansed from sin and illumined by Thy grace, we may worthily show forth Thy praise, meekly learn Thy word, render due thanks for Thy mercies, and obtain a gracious answer to our prayers; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

23. **Almighty** God, the Father of our spirits, meet with us now as the day closes, and grant unto us, Thy children, the peace which the world cannot give. May no unhallowed thoughts or cares disturb the quiet of this evening hour. Deliver us from all the vain things that have power over us, and grant that here we may learn the heavenly wisdom, and feel the influence of things unseen, and find rest in Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

24. **O Lord** our God, Who art always more ready to bestow Thy good gifts upon us than we are to seek them, and art willing to give more than we desire or deserve: Help us so to seek that we may truly find, so to ask that we may joyfully receive, so to knock that the door of Thy mercy may be opened unto us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

25. **O God,** Infinite, Eternal, Unchangeable, graciously hear us when we come before Thee, and help us to put our whole trust and confidence in Thy mercy. Enable us by true and holy worship to glorify Thee, and grant that through Thy Holy Spirit, Who dwelleth in us, we may enter into the liberty of Thy truth and into the joy of Thy fellowship; through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Intercessor. Amen.

26. **O Eternal** God, mighty in power, and of majesty incomprehensible, whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain, much less the walls of temples made with hands: To Thee alone be praise and adoration, from all the hosts of heaven, and all who dwell upon the earth. And as with joy and gratitude we are now assembled in this house, built to the honour of Thy great Name, send down upon us, we beseech Thee, Thy Holy Spirit, that we may lift up holy hands to Thee, and worship Thee with pure hearts. O God, Who art from everlasting to everlasting, hear us, for the sake of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

27. **O God,** the Judge of all, Who knowest what is in man, and requirest truth in the inward parts: Mercifully grant that we may not draw near to Thee with our lips while our heart is far from Thee; and let Thy Holy Spirit help our infirmities, and pray with us and plead for us, that our offerings may be holy and well-pleasing unto Thee; through our great High Priest and perpetual Intercessor, Thy Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

28. **Almighty** Father, Who didst bring again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the everlasting covenant: Vouchsafe unto us, we beseech Thee, the aids of Thy heavenly grace, that we may worthily keep the feast of His glorious resurrection; so truly resting from all our worldly thoughts and plans that we may leave Thy house refreshed and strengthened, quickened and comforted, to love Thee more sincerely, and serve Thee more devotedly; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

29. **O God,** Thou art greatly to be feared in the assembly of Thy saints, and to be held in reverence of all them that are about Thee. Thou rulest the raging of the sea; when the waves thereof arise, Thou stillest them. The heavens are Thine, the earth also is Thine; as for the world and the fulness thereof, Thou hast founded them. Justice and judgment are the habitation of Thy Throne: mercy and truth go before Thy face.

Grant us the blessedness of the people who know the joyful sound. May we walk, O Lord, in the light of Thy countenance. In Thy Name may we rejoice all the day; and in Thy righteousness may we be exalted. Blessed be the Lord for evermore. Amen, and Amen.

30. **O Lord,** our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, Who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with Thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our

doings may be ordered by Thy governance, to do always that which is righteous in Thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

31. O God, who through the fellowship of Christ hast consecrated unto us a new and living way into Thy holy presence: Grant to us, we beseech Thee, the assurance of Thy mercy, and sanctify us by Thy heavenly grace; that we, approaching Thee with a pure heart and undefiled conscience, may offer unto Thee the trustful sacrifice of sons of God.

32. O God, crown with Thy blessing the prayers of Thy worshippers throughout the world, which shall this day be offered in Thy sanctuaries. Give us grace to prepare our hearts, that we may serve Thee with reverence and godly fear. Grant us a true apprehension of Thy Divine majesty, and a deep sense of our own unworthiness; that so, approaching Thee with lowliness and devotion, we may commune with Thee in the Spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord.

33. O Almighty and Eternal God, Who hast appointed us six days in which we may labour and do all our work, and hast consecrated the seventh to Thyself; grant, we beseech Thee, that, according as Thou hast commanded us, we may sanctify this Day by devoting it entirely to Thy love and service.

As Thou dost invite and graciously call us into Thy

holy House, help us to worship Thee with a humble, sincere, and reverent heart. Be pleased to accept of the offering which we make unto Thee; and do Thou mercifully assist us in such manner by Thy grace that we may conduct ourselves as we ought to do in Thy sacred presence.

Come, O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful people. Kindle in them the fire of Thy love; and so may this service be to the glory of Thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confession of Sins.

1. **Out** of the depths have we cried unto Thee, O God. Lord, hear our voice: let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of our supplications.

O Lord, Thou hast searched us and known us. Thou knowest our down-sitting, and our up-rising. Thou understandest our thought afar off. Thou compassest our path and our lying down, and art acquainted with all our ways. There is not a word in our tongue, but lo, O Lord, Thou knowest it altogether. Thou hast beset us behind and before, and laid Thine hand upon us.

If Thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquity, who shall stand? But there is forgiveness with Thee that Thou mayest be feared. For Thy Name's sake, O Lord, pardon our iniquity: for it is great. And enter not into judgment with Thy servants; for in Thy sight shall no man living be justified. We wait for the Lord; our souls do wait, and in His Word do we hope. Our souls wait for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning. O have mercy upon us, and hear our prayer, that goeth not out of feigned lips. Show us Thy marvellous loving-kindness, Thou God of our salvation.

2. **Blessed** is he whose transgression is forgiven: whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity.

We acknowledge our sin unto Thee, O Lord, and our iniquity will we not hide. Rebuke us not in Thy wrath: chasten us not in Thy hot displeasure. Hide thy face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from us. Restore unto us the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold us with a free spirit.

Our hope is in the Lord: for with the Lord there is mercy: and with Him is plenteous redemption. O redeem us, with Thy people, from all our iniquities.

3. **Unto** Thee lift we up our eyes, O Thou that dwellest in the heavens. Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, so our eyes wait upon Thee, O Lord our God, until Thou have mercy upon us. O remember not against us former iniquities. Let Thy tender mercies speedily prevent us. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Thy Name; and deliver us, and purge away our sins for Thy Name's sake.

Who can understand his errors? Examine us, O Lord, and prove us. Try our reins and our heart. Cleanse Thou us from secret faults: keep back Thy servants also from presumptuous sins. Let them not have dominion over us. Then shall we be upright, and we shall be innocent from the great transgression.

Let the words of our mouth, and the meditation of our heart, be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer.

4. **Unto** Thee, O Lord, do we lift up our souls: for Thou, Lord, art good and ready to forgive, and plenteous in mercy unto all that call upon Thee. Thou, O Lord, art nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; Thou savest such as be of a contrite spirit. O turn unto us and have mercy upon us. For our iniquities have gone over our head; as a heavy burden they are too heavy for us. Our iniquities have taken hold upon us, so that we are not able to look up. They are more than the hairs of our head: therefore our heart faileth us. Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver us. O Lord, make haste to help us. Purge us with hyssop and we shall be clean. Wash us and we shall be whiter than snow.

5. **Heavenly** Father, merciful and everlasting God, we acknowledge and confess before Thy Divine Majesty that we are poor miserable sinners, conceived and brought forth in sin and corruption. We are prone to all evil. We cannot, without Thee, do anything that is good. And we daily, and in many ways, transgress Thy holy commandments. Thereby we provoke Thine anger against us, and draw down upon ourselves, by Thy just judgment, death and destruction.

But, O Lord, we repent and are sorry from our hearts that we have so displeased Thee. We condemn ourselves and our misdoings, and pray that Thy grace may bring help to our distress and misery.

Be pleased, therefore, to have mercy upon us, O most gracious God and Father. Forgive us all our sins, through the holy sufferings of Thy dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Forgive us our sins; and grant us now

the gifts of Thy Holy Spirit. Increase these in us from day to day; so that we, acknowledging with our whole hearts our own unrighteousness, may truly repent us of the same; that sin may be destroyed in us; and that we may bring forth the fruits of righteousness and a pure life which are well pleasing unto Thee; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

6. **Almighty,** Everlasting God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men, we acknowledge and lament that we were conceived and born in sins, and so are prone to all evil and averse to all that is truly good. We have transgressed Thy holy commandments without measure and without end, through contempt of Thee and of Thy Word, through distrust of Thy help and trust in ourselves and in worldly things, through evil impulses and actions, whereby we have most grievously offended against Thy Divine Majesty and against our fellows. We have thus more and more sunk in sin, and have destroyed ourselves even unto death eternal. This grieveth us to the very heart; and we pray Thee to forgive us for all the things wherein we have sinned against Thee. We beseech Thy help against the sin that dwelleth in us, and against Satan who ever stirreth it up. Save us from sinning furthe against Thee. Cover all our iniquities with the righteousness of Thy Son. Subdue them in us by Thy Spirit, and cleanse us throughly from them in the end.

Have mercy upon us, O most good and merciful Father, for Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake

Grant unto us, and increase in us, Thy Holy Spirit, that He may teach us inwardly and truly to acknowledge our sins, to mourn over them with lively repentance, and to receive and hold fast, with a true faith, the forgiveness of them in Christ our Lord, so that, dying daily more and more unto sin, we may serve and please Thee in newness of life, to the glory of Thy Name, and the profit of Thy Church.

These things we acknowledge that Thou justly requirest of us; wherefore we desire to do them. Be pleased, O Thou our Heavenly Father, Who hast given us this desire, to grant also that we be diligent to do with our whole heart those things which pertain to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

7. **Almighty** and most merciful Father, we have erred, and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare Thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore Thou them that are penitent, according to Thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Thy holy Name. Amen.

8. Almighty and merciful Father, who hast created us for Thy service and for Thy glory, we confess in Thy holy presence, and before all our brethren here assembled, that we have broken Thy commandments and sinned against Thee. We have offended against Thee by our deeds, by our thoughts, and by the sinful impulses and desires of our hearts.

Our sins are the more grievous, because of the light Thou hast given us. Thou hast written Thy law in our conscience; Thou hast made known Thy will to us in Thy Word; Thou hast revealed the greatness of Thy love by giving Thy Son to die for us. We are without excuse, O God; and if Thou shouldest deal with us according to Thy justice, none of us could stand before Thee.

Yet, O Lord, we invoke Thy mercy, and beseech Thee to pardon us. Have pity upon us, gracious Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Thy well-beloved Son, who shed His blood for us upon the Cross. Blot out all our sins; shed abroad in our souls a holy sorrow for them. Create in us a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within us. Make our wills in all things obedient to Thine. Let not our hope in Thy mercy make us think lightly of sin, but stir us up to repentance and a true change of life, lest abusing Thy grace we be justly condemned.

Do this work in us, O God, by the power of Thy Holy Spirit. Subdue all that resists Thee in our hearts. Rule in our souls, which Thou hast redeemed; and teach us to serve Thee faithfully in this world until the day when we shall appear before Thee in Thy Kingdom and Glory. Be pleased, O Lord, to grant

these our requests, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

9. **Almighty** and most Merciful God, the Fountain of all goodness, Who knowest the thoughts of our hearts, we come confessing that we have sinned against Thee, and done that which is evil in Thy sight. Wash us, we pray Thee, from all our sins; and give us grace and power to put away all hurtful things. Save us from the bondage of sin; and grant us to bring forth fruits meet for repentance.

O Eternal Light, shine into our hearts. O Eternal Goodness, deliver us from all evil. Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us. Eternal Power, be Thou our support. Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Grant that with all our heart and mind and strength we may evermore seek Thy Face; and guide us in Thy love and mercy in the way that leadeth to life eternal. So strengthen and bless us that, following in the footsteps of Thy dear Son our Saviour, we may inherit the promises, and enter at last into the joy of our Lord; for His Name's sake. Amen.

10. **O merciful** God, full of compassion, long-suffering and of great goodness, make us earnestly to repent and heartily to be sorry for all our misdoings. Make the remembrance of them so burdensome and painful that we may flee to Thee with a broken spirit and a contrite heart. O merciful Lord, visit, comfort, and relieve us. Awake in us true repentance. Grant us in this world

knowledge of Thy truth and confidence in Thy mercy, and, in the world to come, life everlasting. Strengthen us against sin. Enable us to do every duty, that whilst we live we may serve Thee and our fellowmen in that state to which Thou hast called us, and at last, by a holy and happy death, be delivered from the struggles and sorrows of this life, and obtain eternal happiness, for the sake of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

11. **Almighty** and Everlasting God, Who hatest nothing that Thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: create in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of Thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

12. **Almighty** God, our heavenly Father, Who hast called us unto fellowship with Thyself through Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, we cannot stand before Thee in ourselves, but have cause to repent in dust and ashes. We have sinned, we have sinned, we have grievously sinned against Thee, in thought, in word and in deed, provoking most justly Thy wrath and indignation against us. We have broken our past vows; we have dishonoured Thy Holy Name; we have been disobedient and rebellious children.

Yet now, most merciful Father, have mercy upon us. For the sake of Jesus Christ, forgive us all our sins. Deliver us, by the power of Thy Holy Spirit, from all

uncleanness of the flesh and of the spirit; and grant unto us heartily to forgive others, as we beseech Thee to forgive us, and to serve Thee henceforth in newness of life, to the glory of Thy Holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

13. O God, the God of our fathers, let our prayers come before Thee, and hide not Thyself from our supplications; for we are not so shameless and perverse as to declare in Thy presence, O Lord, that we are righteous and have done no sin; for verily we have sinned. We have trespassed. We have committed iniquity. . . . We have erred. We have led others astray. What shall we say in Thy presence, O Thou Who dwellest on high? Are not all secrets revealed and known unto Thee? Nor is there anything concealed from Thy sight. Therefore let it be willed before Thee, O Lord our God, to forgive us all our sins, and pardon us all our iniquities, and grant us remission for all our transgressions;—

For the sins which we have sinned against Thee—
Public and private,
By constraint or voluntarily,
Presumptuously or ignorantly,
Without our knowledge or with intention of deceit;—

For the sins which we have sinned against Thee—

With polluted lips,
Profaning Thy name,

With evil thoughts,
With a stubborn heart,

By pursuing evil,
By shaking off the yoke of duty,
By levity and foolishness,
By wrong expressions of confession;

For the sins which we have sinned against Thee in wronging our neighbours—

By unjust judgment,
By mockery,
By tale-bearing,
By hatred without a cause,
With haughty looks,
With an envious eye,
With guilty hands,
With violence of power;

For the sins which we have sinned against Thee—

In business dealings,
In eating and drinking,
In holy things;

And for all of them, O God of forgiveness! forgive us, pardon us, and grant us remission.

Let it be willed before Thee that we sin no more. Guard our tongue from evil, our lips from speaking deceit. Open our hearts to Thy law, and let our soul pursue Thy commandments. Do it for Thy Name's sake: do it for Thy holiness: do it for the sake of Thy Chosen Beloved. May He who maketh peace in heaven through His mercy dispense peace unto us and all Israel. Amen.

14. **Almighty** and Eternal God, Who dwellest in the highest heavens, and humblest Thyself to behold the things that are done on the face of the earth: we are assembled together in Thy sanctuary to offer our evening sacrifice unto Thee. But we may be justly ashamed at the thought of Thy glory, and afraid to present ourselves before so great and holy a Majesty. . . . We have not paid that honour and service which we owed unto Thee our Almighty Creator; and valued as we ought that

great salvation purchased for us so dearly. We have abused Thy mercies and murmured against Thy rod. We have set our hearts too much on worldly enjoyments and pleasures, instead of that moderate use of Thy creatures which Thou art pleased to allow us. We have sinned against our own knowledge and our vows, against Thy promises and threatenings. We have been injurious to our neighbours by evil counsel and bad example, by prejudicing their interest and wronging their reputation, doing them hurt, or neglecting to do them good.

But though we are among the chief of sinners, yet Thou art our Creator, and we the workmanship of Thy hands; yea Thou art our Redeemer, and we the people whom Thou hast bought; and we desire to forsake the evil of our ways, and turn to the Lord our God. Have mercy upon us, therefore, O most merciful Father, for Thy goodness' sake; and for the merits of the Lamb of God. By His death and bitter passion, by all that He hath done and suffered for us, deliver us from the guilt of our sins, and the power of our corrupt affections, and work on our souls an utter detestation of every evil way. Let the life of the Holy Jesus be always in our thoughts and before our eyes, till the image of our Lord be fully formed within our hearts. And let all glory redound to Thee: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

15. **O most** High and most gentle Lover of men, God the Creator and Governor of all the works of Thine hand: To Thine immeasurable goodness do I confess all my sins whatsoever and howsoever committed, from the hour when first I could sin, up to this hour, in which,

by Thy mercy, Thou still sufferest me to live. All I cannot remember, for they are many. But Thou, to Whom all things are known, Who art the true Searcher of the thoughts, and triest the heart and the reins, Thou knowest all my sins, whatsoever I have committed or still commit, either inwardly in my soul, by secret thoughts, or outwardly, by open acts.

Come Thou to my aid, my Creator, my Helper in time of need. Come and help my soul. Unless Thy mercy come to my aid I am brought to nought. But before Thy Majesty I acknowledge my fault. Condemned and guilty, I ask pardon and forgiveness of all my sins from Thee, Who willest not the death of a sinner, nor rejoicest in the destruction of them that die. Amen.

16. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against Him; neither have we obeyed His voice in the laws He hath set before us.

Almighty God, Spirit of purity and grace, Whose salvation is never very far from the contrite heart, listen to our confessions of sin, and have mercy upon us:

For all the evil past of our lives; for our many refusals of Thy call; for our indolence, vanity, and unfaithfulness: Have mercy upon us, O God.

For the sins of care and passion which have estranged our hearts from goodness and dimmed our vision of heavenly things: Have mercy upon us, O God.

For the sins and faults of youth which led us early astray from Thy ways, and brought upon us many troubles and sorrows: Have mercy upon us, O God.

For all our hardness of heart and impenitence of spirit: for our pride, self-sufficiency, and wilful iniquity: Have mercy upon us, O God.

For all our forgotten vows; for the better purposes which we have suffered to grow weak; for the good resolutions we have not kept; for the excuses we have fashioned to hide from ourselves our unfaithful lives For all the goodness of life which we have received thanklessly, for the strength which we have wasted; for the gifts we have not cultivated; for the opportunities which we have neglected; for all the beauty of this fair world and the love of human hearts which have passed before us, and which in our thoughtlessness and care and passion we have not appreciated: Have mercy upon us, O God.

For the unworthy doubts of Thee which have clouded our path; for the times when we have forgotten our duties and lost our faith; for the hours when we have yielded to temptation and plucked of the fruit of the forbidden tree: Have mercy upon us, O God.

For the counsels of Thy Word which have spoken to us vainly; for the grace and truth of Thy beloved Son which we have slighted; for the pleadings of Thy Spirit to which we have not hearkened; for the example and speech of the true and good which have failed to make us worthier children of Thine; for all the monitions of Time and the Hereafter which have not made us more serious, earnest, gentle, pure, and rich in faith and charity: Have mercy upon us, O God.

For all our sins remembered and forgotten; for the sins we are conscious of, and the sins we are not conscious of because of our sinfulness: Have mercy upon us, O God. Amen.

17. O most holy, righteous, and gracious God, Who hast appointed death to be the wages of sin, yet of Thy mercy hast sent Thy Son to be the Saviour of the world, and hast promised forgiveness of sin through His blood to all that believe on Him; we confess that we are miserable sinners. All we like sheep have gone astray, and have turned everyone to his own way.

Thou art infinitely good, and Love itself: yet have we not fully taken Thee for our portion, nor loved Thee with all our heart and soul and might, nor made Thee our full desire and delight. But we have immoderately loved ourselves, and the world, and the things of the world, and lived by sense when we should have lived by faith. We have cared and laboured for the food that perisheth when we should have laboured for the one thing needful. We have been slothful servants, yielding to temptations, ashamed of our duty, losing our precious time. We have sought our own against other's welfare, not forbearing and forgiving, not loving our enemies, as we ought, not following peace, not studying to do good to all according to our power. We have sinned secretly and openly; in thought, word, and deed; ignorantly and presumptuously; in passion and upon deliberation; against Thy precepts, promises, and mercies; under Thy patience and in Thy sight; against our consciences,

against our purposes; against Thee, and against our own souls.

To us belongeth confusion, but mercy and forgiveness to Thee. Have mercy upon us, O God, according to the multitude of Thy mercies. Heal our souls that have sinned against Thee. Cast us not away from Thy presence, and avenge not upon us the quarrel of Thy covenant. Wash us in the blood of the Lamb of God. Accept us in Thy beloved Son. Amen.

18. We confess unto Thee, Father Almighty, Lord of heaven and earth, all our sins whatsoever, which we have committed against Thee, and against the law of Christ. We confess unto Thee the desperate wickedness of our heart, out of which have proceeded all manner of evil thoughts and acts, for which things' sake Thy wrath is kindled against us, and we are without excuse before Thee this day. But especially, O God, with bitter contrition, we bewail those things which are the present burden of our heart and conscience. For all our sins and transgressions, our iniquities and offences, which in Thy grace Thou bringest to our remembrance, we abhor ourselves, and cast ourselves upon Thy mercy; and those which, through ignorance or carelessness, through foolishness, or the darkness of our heart, we remember not nor think of, but which Thou, Who knowest all secrets, seest that we have committed against Thee, do Thou forgive and cleanse us from them all, for Thy mercy's sake, O Lord. And accept our confession, and make our repentance sincere: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

19. **O God,** Who hast given us light, and who grievest because we have so often loved the darkness better: Thou hast called us to follow that which is good, and to flee from that which is evil; and Thou knowest how, hour after hour, day after day, we have yielded to the temptations in our path, have done that which Thou hadst forbidden, and have left undone the work Thou hadst given us to do. O Thou, Whose voice of warning and love we have so little heeded, call us yet again, we beseech Thee; call us that we may answer and do Thy bidding, that we may go astray from Thee no more; but that, being comforted by Thy love, and upheld by Thy strength, we may fulfil our days upon earth forgiven and at peace with Thee.

20. **Almighty** God, the Fountain of all goodness, Who knowest the thoughts of our hearts, we confess that we have sinned against Thee, and done evil in Thy sight.

Thou art infinitely good, and Thou hast showed us what is good, and what Thou requirest of us for our good always. Thou sendest out Thy light and Thy truth to make the way of salvation plain before us. But we have loved darkness rather than light, and have followed the suggestions of our own evil hearts rather than the teaching of Thy most holy Word. Justly mightest Thou have taken away Thy Gospel from us, and left us to our perverseness and impenitence.

But, O Lord, Thy pity exceedeth the greatness of our sin, and in Thy sure mercy is our hope. Pardon, we beseech Thee, all our contempt of Thy Word, and our

neglect of the means of grace. Wash us from the stains of our past sins, and grant us strength to put away all hurtful things, and to give no heed to their enticements for the time to come; so that, being delivered from the bondage of our sins, we may bring forth fruits worthy of repentance to the glory of Thy great Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Petition.

Introductory.

1. **Like** as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him. Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound. They shall walk, O Lord, in the light of Thy countenance.

Teach us, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes; and we shall keep it unto the end. Give us understanding, and we shall keep Thy law: yea we shall observe it with our whole heart. Make us to go in the path of Thy commandments: for therein do we delight. Incline our heart unto Thy testimonies, and not to covetousness. Turn away our eyes from beholding vanity, and quicken us in Thy way.

2. **O God**, Who art a Spirit, infinite, eternal, unchangeable, in Thy being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, love, and truth: Teach us to know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ Whom Thou hast sent. Teach us and all men to glorify Thee in all that whereby Thou makest Thyself known. And do Thou dispose all things to Thine own glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Guidance.

3. **O God**, by Whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light riseth up in darkness for the godly; grant

us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what Thou wouldest have us to do; that the Spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in Thy light we may see light, and in Thy straight path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

4. O Lord our God, teach us, we beseech Thee, to ask Thee aright for the right blessings. Show us the way wherein we should go; renew a willing spirit within us. May Thy Holy Spirit curb our wayward wills. May He guide and enable us unto that which is our true good, to keep Thy laws, and in all our works and ways evermore to rejoice in Thy glorious and gladdening Presence. For Thine is the glory and the praise from all Thy saints for ever and ever. Amen.

For the Holy Spirit.

5. God of all strength and consolation, Thou only Creator, Who didst gloriously fulfil the great promise of Thy Son Jesus, sending down Thy Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost to dwell continually in Thy Church, the power of a new Creation: For Christ's sake replenish us, and the whole household of Thy Son, with the same blessed Spirit, revealing Christ in us; that He may show us our sin, work in us faith, lead us into all truth, establish us in hope, make us fruitful in good works, and keep us ever in His holy comfort, Who with the Father and the Son, one God, is glorified evermore. Amen.

6. **O God,** the King of Glory, Who hast exalted Thy Son Jesus Christ with great triumph into Thy Kingdom above all heavens: In His name, we beseech Thee, leave us not comfortless in this mortal state; but evermore send down on us, and Thy whole household, Thy Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to reveal Christ within us: that we also may in heart and mind ascend whither our Master hath gone, and with Him may continually dwell, Who liveth with Thee the Father and the Comforter, one God, world without end. Amen.

7. **Almighty** and eternal God, Who hast given to us the Spirit of regeneration, be pleased to perfect in us the work which Thou hast begun. Strengthen us with Thy sevenfold gifts: the Spirit of WISDOM, that we may despise the perishable things of this world and love the things that are eternal; the Spirit of UNDERSTANDING, to enlighten us and give us a more perfect knowledge of the mysteries of the faith; the Spirit of COUNSEL, that we may make a right choice in all things belonging to our eternal salvation; the Spirit of MIGHT, that we may overcome all temptations; the Spirit of KNOWLEDGE, that we may know Thy will; the Spirit of true GODLINESS, that we may be faithful and devout in Thy service; the Spirit of holy FEAR that we may be filled with a loving reverence and shrink from all that displeases Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

8. **Rest** upon us, O Spirit of wisdom; deliver us from all error and self-delusion, and guide us into all truth.

Rest upon us, O Spirit of holy fear; teach us to watch and pray, that we may not stumble or fall into wilful sin. Rest upon us, O Spirit of love, and chase all unrighteous anger, all bitterness, envy, and unkindness from our hearts.

O Holy Spirit, be Thou our Comforter in trial, when the billows go over our heads; be our Strength in the hour of weakness. Give light in darkness and peace in trouble; sanctify all our work and all our joy. Our hearts lie open before Thee. Come to them, Lord, and make them Thy temple and Thy dwelling-place; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

9. **O Holy** Spirit, Who in all ages hast comforted and strengthened martyrs and confessors; Who hast ever brought comfort and refreshment to the sorrowful and the suffering; Who sheddest abroad love, joy, and peace in the hearts of the faithful followers of Christ: grant that we may be filled with all the fulness of Thy gifts; that by Thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be good, and, by Thy merciful guiding, may daily perform the same. Amen.

10. **O Eternal** Father, help us, we beseech Thee, to bring forth in our life the fruits of the Spirit; the fruit of LOVE, that we may love Thee above all things, and all others in Thee and for Thy sake; the fruit of JOY, that we may find Thy service our delight; the fruit of PEACE, that, being pardoned and accepted through Thy mercy, we may repose in Thy love; the fruit of LONG-SUFFERING,

that we may bear, with patient submission to Thy will, all crosses and afflictions; the fruit of GENTLENESS, that we may subdue all risings of temper, and take calmly and sweetly all trials and provocations; the fruit of MEEKNESS, that we may forgive freely all who may hurt us either by word or deed, and endure with patience all that may be laid upon us; the fruit of TEMPERANCE, that we may restrain all our desires, bringing them into subjection in all things to Thy holy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

11. **O Thou** who art the Fountain of all goodness, and the Wellspring of Divine graces, who hast made us Thy children and heirs of everlasting life: Increase in us, we beseech Thee, the manifold gifts of Thy Spirit, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. Possess our minds continually with Thy presence; fill them with Thy love. Be Thou a light unto our eyes, and a full contentment to our hearts. Be Thou our sunshine by day, our repose in the night, our Refuge and Strength in every hour of need. We are not our own, but Thine; therefore claim us as Thy right, keep us as Thy charge, love and bless us as Thy children. Strengthen us when we are assaulted; heal us when we are wounded: raise us up when we fall. Grant us sorrow for our sins, thankfulness for Thy mercies, and mindfulness of Thy presence, now and evermore.

For Holiness.

12. **O God,** Who hast called us, the children of many mercies, to serve Thee with a holy service in this present world: Make clear unto us day by day what Thou wouldest have us to do, and ever give us grace faithfully to perform the same. May we not seek only to please ourselves, but be ever ready to sacrifice ourselves at the command of Thy holy law, even as Christ pleased not Himself. Assist us to mortify our wicked desires, to overcome our evil passions, and to destroy our besetting sins. Strengthen us to overcome sensuality by self-denial, anger by meekness, indifference by devotion, and always evil with good. Restrain us from all intemperance and excess; from all vanity in speech and behaviour; and make us sober and watchful unto prayer. Suffer us not in our health and prosperity to forget Thee, or in our adversity to think ourselves forgotten of Thee. Serving Thee humbly now upon earth, when the shadows of this life are passed away, may we enjoy the vision of Thy heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

13. **Thou** Who dost add to the number of our days, grant that this and every day may be employed to the perfecting of holiness in Thy fear, and sweetened with the comforts of health, of peace, and of innocence.

Whatsoever things are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, of good report, if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, grant, good Lord, that we may think on these things and do these things.

The Angel of Peace, the holy Guide of Thy children, the faithful Guard set by Thee over their souls and

bodies, encamp round about us, and continually suggest to our minds such things as conduce to Thy glory and to our salvation.

Grant this, good Lord, for Jesus Christ's sake.

14. **O God,** may our souls be warm with life. Save us from an inanimate and sluggish state. Teach us Thy purity; Thy abhorrence of sin. Increase our sensibility to evil. May we shun every appearance of it; and in a world where example is so corrupt, we beseech Thee to arm us with a holy fortitude.

Assist us to consecrate our whole being and existence to Thee; our understandings to the knowledge of Thy character; our hearts to the veneration of Thy perfections; our wills to the choice of Thy commands; our energies to the accomplishment of Thy purposes; our lives to Thy glory; and every power to the imitation of Thy goodness. Be Thou the Centre, the Life, the Sovereign of our souls.

15. **Most** merciful God, Author of all good things, Who hast given unto us Thy holy commandments whereby we should direct our life: Imprint them in our hearts by Thy Holy Spirit; and grant that we may so renounce all our fleshly desires, and all the vanities of this world, that our whole delight may be in Thy law, and that we, being always governed by Thy holy Word, may in the end attain unto that eternal salvation which Thou hast promised, through Jesus Christ Thy Son. Amen.

16. O Almighty God, Who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto Thy people, that they may love the thing which Thou commandest, and desire that which Thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

17. O God the Protector of all that trust in Thee, without whom is nothing strong and nothing holy: Increase and multiply upon us Thy mercy; that Thou being our Ruler and Guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we finally lose not the things eternal. Grant this, O Heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

For Cleansing and Deliverance.

18. O God, the Light of every heart that sees Thee, the Life of every soul that loves Thee, the Strength of every mind that seeks Thee, grant us ever to continue steadfast in Thy holy love. Be Thou the joy of our heart; take it all to Thyself and therein abide. The house of our soul is, we confess, too narrow for Thee: do Thou enlarge it, that Thou mayest enter in; it is ruinous, but do Thou repair it. It has that within which must offend Thine eyes; we confess and know it; but whose help shall we implore in cleansing it, but Thine alone? To Thee, therefore, we cry urgently, begging that Thou wilt cleanse us from our secret faults, and keep Thy servants from presumptuous sins, that they never get dominion over us. Amen.

19. **O God,** let the sighing of the prisoner come before Thee, and mercifully grant unto us that we may be delivered by Thine almighty power from all bonds and chains of sin whether in our bodies or in our souls; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

20. **O God,** make clean our hearts within us.

We beseech Thee to break the power of sin, so that it may not have dominion over us.

Give us such knowledge of the evil that is in us that we may be able to resist it in the power of Thy Spirit.

From vexing thoughts, from worldly ambition, from men-pleasing and men-serving, good Lord deliver us.

Save us from coldness and hardness of heart, from blindness to truth and goodness, from envying at the good of our neighbour, from pride and despising of our fellow-men, and from doing to others what we would not that they should do to us; from all impatience, from a pitiless and unrelenting temper, and from contentment with an unworthy life.

Help us to lay aside all anxious care, and deliver us from a religion that has the form of godliness but is wanting in the power thereof.

Make us watchful over ourselves, that we lose not that which Thou hast wrought in us, but may grow in grace and in the knowledge of Christ.

Guard us from bringing dishonour on Thy Holy Name. Let no allurements of sense draw us aside from the paths of righteousness, or prevent us from walking humbly in the footsteps of Christ.

21. **Heavenly** Father, Whose Son Jesus fasted and was tempted in the wilderness: We beseech Thee, arm us with the same mind that was in Him against all sin; and for His sake, the Lamb of God, Who suffered on our behalf, give us grace to keep both our bodies and our souls in such holy discipline that we may be ready always to resist Satan, and to obey the motions of Thy blessed Spirit, Who with Thy blessed Son is glorified with Thee, one God for evermore. Amen.

22. **O Lord** our God, light of the blind and strength of the weak; yea, also light of all that see and strength of the strong: Hearken unto our voice, as we cry now unto Thee.

O Lord, help us to turn and seek Thee with all our hearts; for Thou hast not forsaken Thy creatures as we have forsaken Thee, our Creator. Do Thou, Lord, who madest us, re-make and comfort us. We confess to Thee our sin and our sinful ways. Grant us Thy grace and forgiveness, through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son. Teach us to love Thee wholly; and do Thou rescue us, O Lord, from every temptation and from all evil, even unto the end. Amen.

For Grace and Strength.

23. **Almighty** and Everlasting God, grant us, we beseech Thee, increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain that which Thou dost promise, make us to love that which Thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

24. **O God,** from Whom we receive life and all earthly blessings, Who makest Thy sun to shine upon us, and sendest to us rain and fruitful seasons, be pleased to give us daily what is needful for us; grant to each one of us daily power to fulfil his task; bless the work of our hands, and the work of our minds; enable us to serve Thee in health and sickness, in poverty and abundance; sanctify our joys and our trials, and give us grace to seek first Thy kingdom and its righteousness, knowing that all other things shall be added unto us. Amen.

25. **Deliver** us, O Lord, from our sins; preserve us from wicked thoughts, from unbelief, hypocrisy and whatever is opposed to Thy holy will. O merciful God, prevent us ever by Thy grace, and further us continually by Thy Spirit. Put in our minds right purposes and pure desires, perfect submission to Thy providence, fervent love to Thee, and charity that shall incline us to love and edify one another. Detach our hearts from this world of vanity, and help us to raise them to heaven, where our treasure is. Thus, living in watchfulness and prayer, may we spend our days in Thy peace, looking for the glorious appearing of our Lord; that, when He shall come to judge the world, we may stand in Thy presence without shame.

26. **Almighty** Father, we thank Thee for Thy grace to us in setting us among Thy children who have fellowship with Thee.

We do not ask that all that is hard or grievous

should be taken out of our life, but we ask a firm confidence that Thou art with us in all that Thou sendest, and that Thy will is best.

If anything has occurred in our life which has shown us our weakness, may we be humbled thereby, and taught to lean more entirely on Jesus Christ, our Almighty Saviour and Friend.

If driven by any unholy passion, or blinded by self-love, we have lost our true selves and fallen away from Thee, we beseech Thee to restore us to our right mind, and to bring us back to Thy feet.

If Thou ordainest sorrow for us, grant us the sense of fellowship with Thy dear Son, who was for our sake a Man of Sorrows and acquainted with grief. Save us from the temptation to forget Thee in our joys, or to think in our sorrows that Thou art forgetting us.

Enable us to be self-restrained in the use of things that are lawful. Form in us a habit of looking beyond things that are seen and temporal to those things that are unseen and eternal: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Love.

27. **O Thou** Who art love and dwellest in love: teach us herein to be followers of Thee as dear children. May we never shut our hearts against the sorrows of even the unthankful and the evil, that we may be the children of our Father which is in heaven. Teach us to shew forth Thy grace and mercy to men, to restore the wanderers, to seek and save the lost; that they may come to know themselves Thy children in Jesus Christ, and to be one with each other and with Thee. Amen.

28. **Gracious** Lord, Who art not the Author of confusion, but of peace: Be pleased so to unite our hearts and affections that we may walk as brethren in Thy House, in brotherly kindness and love, as members of the Body of Christ. Let the grace of Thy Holy Spirit enkindle us, and the dew of Thy blessing continually fall upon us, that we may together in the end obtain life eternal, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

29. **Holy** and merciful Jesus, through Thee have come to us the mercies of eternity. Thou didst love us when we were enemies, Thou didst forgive us when we were debtors, Thou didst recover us when we were dead, Thou didst ransom us when we were slaves, Thou didst relieve us when we were poor, and naked, and wandering, and full of sadness and necessities.

Impart to us, we beseech Thee, Thy spirit of self-forgetting love. Give us courteous, gentle, and liberal souls; let us after Thine example forgive our debtors, and love our enemies, and do to them offices of kindness, and tenderness and relief; that we, showing mercy here, may be accepted of Thee in Thy great day. Amen.

30. **Grant** unto us, O Lord God, that we may love one another unfeignedly; for where love is there art Thou; and he that loveth his brother is born of Thee, and dwelleth in Thee, and Thou in him. And where brethren do glorify Thee with one accord, there dost Thou pour Thy blessing upon them. Love us therefore, O Lord, and shed Thy love into our hearts, that we may

love Thee, and our brethren in Thee and for Thee, as heirs together of the grace of life.

O Thou Who art Love and dwellest in love, teach us herein to be followers of Thee, as dear children. Never may we shut our hearts against the sorrows of even the unthankful and the evil. Make us organs of Thy tender mercy, to soothe the wretched, to lift up the penitent, to seek and save the lost; till all shall at length know themselves Thy children, and be one with each other and with Thee.

31. **O Thou** Who art the one God and Father of all, Who hast breathed Thine own Spirit into Thy children, and made us to be at one with each other as members of Thy household: enable us, we beseech Thee, to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. While there are diversities of knowledge and of faith, may we be one in spirit, in brotherly affection, and in devotion to Thy holy will. Deliver us, we pray Thee, from all blindness and prejudice, and whatever else would turn our hearts from one another. By the charity of our temper and thoughts, may we shew forth the power of the Gospel of Love, and may we live in peace and unity with all our brethren, as followers of the Prince of Peace.

O God, Who hast included all Thy commandments in the one commandment of love, so that if we love not our neighbour we cannot fulfil Thy law; we humbly pray Thee, create in our hearts such a sincere love of one another, that we may be children of our Father in heaven, and true disciples of Jesus Christ.

32. **O Lord** Jesus, greater love can none show than Thou hast shown for us. Thy love went beyond all example that it might serve for an example to all. We beseech Thee, make us by Thy Spirit willing to learn of Thee. Give us more love, more self-denial, more humility.

Teach us to sacrifice our comforts to others and our liking for the sake of doing good. Teach us that it is better to give than to receive, better to minister than to be ministered unto, better to be last than to be first.

O Thou merciful and loving High Priest, Who hast passed within the veil, and art in the presence of God the Father for us, help us with Thy mighty intercession, that, our unworthiness being clothed upon with Thy perfect righteousness, we may stand accepted in the day of Thy coming, and be fit to join the heavenly fellowship of those whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood. Amen.

For Faith.

33. **O merciful** God, give us a right understanding of ourselves, and of Thy threats and promises, that we may neither cast away our confidence in Thee, nor place it anywhere but in Thee. Break not the bruised reed, nor quench the smoking flax. Deliver us from fear of the Enemy. Lift up the light of Thy countenance upon us, and give us peace now and evermore. Amen.

34. **O God,** the sovereign good of the soul, Who requirest the hearts of all Thy children : Deliver us from

all sloth in Thy work, all coldness in Thy cause; and grant us by looking unto Thee to re-kindle our love, and by waiting upon Thee to renew our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

35. O most loving Father, Who willest us to give thanks for all things, to dread nothing but the loss of Thee, and to cast all our care on Thee Who carest for us; keep us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, and grant that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us the light of that love which is immortal, and which Thou hast manifested to us in Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

36. Most potent King of Kings and Lord of Lords, Whose glory is unsearchable, Whose majesty is sovereign, and Whose power is infinite: Vouchsafe unto Thy servants that in quietness and confidence we may possess our souls; and grant that we may be so settled in the certainty of Thy promises, that, whatsoever thing may come upon us, we may abide firm in Thy faith, and may live uprightly and without reproach, in the midst of Thy Church, which Jesus Christ Thy Son hath bought with His precious blood. Amen.

For Patience and Courage.

37. O God of patience and consolation, be merciful to our infirmities, and make us ever ready to consider the necessities of those around us; and when we are tempted

by selfishness or pride, bestow Thy grace, that we may with gentleness make allowance for the frailty of others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

38. **O God,** the Comforter of the humble and the Strength of the faithful, be merciful to Thy suppliants; that our human weakness, which by itself is prone to fall, may be evermore supported by Thee to stand upright, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

39. **Lay** not upon us more, O Heavenly Father, than Thou wilt enable us to bear; and since the fretfulness of our spirits is more hurtful than the heaviness of our burden, grant us that heavenly calmness which comes of owning Thy hand in all things, and patience in the trust that Thou doest all things well. Amen.

40. **Good** Lord, Who art a just Judge, and Who chastenest Thy children as a Father, to bring them to unfeigned repentance: Grant unto us of Thine infinite goodness, that the afflictions, which we justly suffer for our offences, may serve us unto the amendment of our lives; and that in the midst of them we may have a perfect feeling of Thy fatherly mercy, to the intent that we may praise Thee with thanksgiving all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ Thy Son. Amen.

41. **Even** as there are many miseries of our body, O Lord, so also there are many mercies of Thy heart;

give us grace, we beseech Thee, so to open to Thee the depth of our pain, that Thou mayest open to us the greater depth of Thy pity; that so we may have proof of Thy full salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Peace.

42. O God, from Whom all holy desires, all right purposes, and all just works do proceed: give unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that so, our hearts being set on Thy commandments, and delivered from the fear of our enemies, we may live our lives in peace and gladness under Thy Fatherly keeping; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

43. O God, Who art the God of Peace, and Who hast taught us by Thy Son that the peacemakers shall be called Thy children, pour Thy Spirit into our souls, that everything discordant may pass from us, and all that makes for peace be sweet to us for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

44. O God, the Father, good beyond all that is good, fair beyond all that is fair, in Whom is calmness, peace, and concord, do Thou heal the dissensions which divide Thy people here, and bring us back into the unity of love, through that peace of Thine which maketh all things peaceful, and through the grace, mercy, and tenderness of Thy dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

45. **Grant** unto us, Almighty God, of Thy good Spirit, that quiet heart, and that patient lowliness to which Thy comforting Spirit comes; that we, being humble toward Thee, and loving toward one another, may have our hearts prepared for that peace of Thine which passeth understanding; which if we have, the storms of life can hurt us but little, and the cares of life vex us not at all; in presence of which death will lose its sting, and the grave its terror; and we in calm joy walk all the days of our appointed time, until our great change shall come. Amen.

For Keeping.

46. **O God,** Who art the Author of peace, and Lover of concord, in knowledge of Whom standeth our eternal life, Whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us, Thy humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in Thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord.

47. **Almighty** God, Who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves, keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

48. **O God,** our true Life, in Whom and by Whom all things live, Thou commandest us to seek Thee, and art

ready to be found; Thou biddest us knock, and openest when we do so. To know Thee is life, to serve Thee is freedom, to enjoy Thee is a kingdom, to praise Thee is the joy and happiness of the soul. We praise and bless and adore Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory. We humbly beseech Thee to abide with us, to reign in us, to make this heart of ours a holy temple, a fit habitation for Thy divine Majesty. O Thou Maker and Preserver of all things, visible and invisible, keep, we beseech Thee, the work of Thine own hands, who trust in Thy mercy alone for safety and protection. Guard us with the power of Thy grace, here and in all places, now and at all times, for evermore. Amen.

For the Coming of the Lord.

49. **O Lord** Jesus Christ, Who art the Resurrection and the Life, hasten, we beseech Thee, the day of Thine appearing and Thy Kingdom; that we may see Thee as Thou art, and be changed into Thy likeness. Bring back those, our brethren and sisters, who have fallen asleep, and all who sleep in Thee. Restore to them their bodies, raised in glory and in power; and vouchsafe to us who are alive and remain, to be sanctified wholly; and may our whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto Thy coming. Amen.

50. **Hasten,** we entreat Thee, the second and glorious appearing of Thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ; and grant unto us that, daily looking for that blessed hope,

we may not sleep as do others, but may watch and be sober, exercising ourselves unto godliness, and working out our own salvation with fear and trembling; that we with all Thy saints may be presented holy and unblameable before the presence of Thy glory with exceeding joy, through Him that loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood.

Litanies.

51. Holy Father, Almighty and Everlasting God, we thank Thee, we praise and adore and magnify Thee with heart and mouth for all Thy countless gifts and loving kindnesses. We bless Thee especially for Thy Holy Word. Teach us to know Thee as Thou art revealed therein, and to hear Thine own voice speaking to us in the Scriptures from day to day.

Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Eternal Son of the Eternal Father, God of God, Light of Light, Life of Life: Open to us more and more, for our comfort, the mystery of Thine Incarnation, of Thy Death, Resurrection, Ascension, and Session at the right hand of the Majesty in the heavens. Give us grace also, O Lord, that we may look forward at all times with gladness to Thy glorious coming again in the Great Day.

O Holy Ghost, Thou Spirit of the Father and of the Son, enlighten our minds in the knowledge of God. Teach us to pray aright, to do and leave undone aright, to speak and to be silent aright. Teach us everything that is needful for our salvation. Keep us from all hurtful error. Hallow all our wishes and thoughts. Dwell within us, making us Thy temple. Lead us,

strengthen and quicken us in all that is good. Make every one of us faithful and skilful in the work and calling to which we have been called of Thee. So keep and guide us that we shall never more vex and grieve Thee by wilful sins.

O most holy, most blessed, most adorable Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, true, only, and eternal God: Do Thou shield, deliver, and uphold Thy Church militant here on earth throughout all lands; and bring us all at last out of the waves of this troublesome world into the joyful haven of everlasting life: through our dear Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

52. **Father,** Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, help us this day to keep the Covenant in which we are bound to Thee. May we set God always before us. May we stand in awe and sin not.

From all evil thoughts; from vain and hasty words; from doing that which should not be done, and leaving undone that which we ought to do:

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all indolence and selfishness; from ungentle manners and tones; from forgetting or provoking one another's infirmities:

Good Lord, deliver us.

In all time of temptation this day; in all times of flattery or success; in all times of sickness; in the hour of death:

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all idleness and carelessness; from self-conceit

and love of praise; from confidence in our own powers and neglect of Thy grace:

Defend us, and keep us, good Lord.

From all want of love to one another; from all lack of charity in thinking and speaking of men; from all undue cleaving to our own likings and opinions:

Cleanse us, and keep us, good Lord.

From all selfish feelings; from taking advantage of the weakness or ignorance of others; from slighting any one or inwardly despising any one:

Defend us, and keep us, good Lord.

From all disregard of truth; from all blindness of prejudice; from all coldness of heart, and all unsteadfastness in service:

Save us, and keep us, good Lord.

In the constant sense of our brotherhood in Christ; in the joy of holy fellowship with those who follow Him; in the love of our Father's house, and the blessed hope of our eternal home:

Stablish and keep us, good Lord.

53. *Minister.* To whom shall we flee for help? Our help is in the Lord Who made heaven and earth.

Most Holy and Most Merciful God, Strength of the weak, Rest of the weary, the Comfort of the sorrowful, the Saviour of the sinful, and the Refuge of Thy children in every time of need, hear us while we pray for Thy help in all the circumstances and experiences of our life:—

When our hearts are growing cold and dead, and we

are losing our vision of Thy face, and living as if life had no spiritual reality,

(*People*) *Help us, O God.*

When the evil memories of the past trouble us, and we mourn over early dream and hopes unrealized, over light within us turned to darkness, and strength to weakness,

Help us, O God.

When we are tempted to mean and wicked ways, and sin puts on the allurements which make it seem less sinful in our sight,

Help us, O God.

When we are called to difficult duty, to work in loneliness among men, and to bear burdens that are hard to be borne,

Help us, O God.

When we are weary of our work and think it fruitless, and duty is painful because it seems unprofitable,

Help us, O God.

When the unknown future troubles us, and amid our fears and anxieties we forget the eternal love and care,

Help us, O God.

When the last darkness closes about our life, and heart and flesh faint and fail, and vain is the help of man,

Help us, O God.

54. **Lord** God, Son, Thou Saviour of the World,

Be gracious unto us.

Lord God, Holy Ghost,

Abide with us for ever.

From coldness to Thy merits and death,
From the loss of our glory in Thee,

From error and misunderstanding,
From self-complacency,
From envy, hatred and malice,
From the devices and wiles of the Devil,
From the influence of the spirit of this world,
From the deceitfulness of sin,
From all sin,
Preserve us, gracious Lord and God.
By Thy Incarnation,
By the merits of Thy life on earth,
By Thy obedience, diligence and faithfulness,
By Thy humility, meekness and patience,
By Thy extreme poverty,
By Thy holy baptism,
By Thy watching, fasting and temptations,
By Thy griefs and sorrows,
By Thy prayers and tears,
By Thy having been despised and rejected,
Bless and comfort us, gracious Lord and God.
By Thy agony and bloody sweat,
By Thy Cross and precious blood,
By Thy dying words,
By Thy atoning death,
By Thy rest in the grave,
By Thy triumphant resurrection,
By Thy last days on earth,
By Thy glorious Ascension,
By Thy sitting at the right hand of God,
By Thy sending the Holy Ghost,
By Thy prevailing intercession,
By Thy divine presence,
By Thy coming again to Thy Church on earth,
Bless and comfort us, gracious Lord and God.

55. O God the Father of heaven: have mercy upon us.
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world: have mercy upon us.
O God the Holy Ghost: have mercy upon us.

Remember not, Lord, our offences. Spare Thy people, whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy most precious blood.

From all evil and mischief; from all blindness of heart; from pride, vain-glory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice, and all uncharitableness,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

From lightning and tempest; plague, pestilence, and famine,

From false doctrine and schism; from contempt of Thy Word,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By Thine Agony, Thy Cross and Passion, Thy Death and Resurrection,

Good Lord, deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our wealth; in the time of death, and in the day of judgment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee

To illuminate all Thy ministers with true knowledge and understanding of Thy Word;

To bless and keep the magistrates, giving them grace to execute justice, and to maintain the truth;

To give to all nations unity, peace, and concord;

To give to all Thy people increase of grace to hear meekly Thy Word, and to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit;

To bring into the way of truth such as have erred, to strengthen such as do stand, to comfort and help the weak-hearted; and to raise up them that fall, to succour, help, and comfort all that are in danger, necessity, and tribulation;

To defend and provide for the fatherless children, and widows, and all that are desolate and oppressed;

To give and preserve to our use the kindly fruits of this earth, so as in due time we may enjoy them;

To forgive our enemies, and to turn their hearts; to give us true repentance, to forgive us all our sins, and to endue us with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit.

O Lamb of God; that takest away the sins of the world;

Have mercy upon us.
Grant us Thy peace.

Concluding Prayers.

56. **Almighty** God, the Fountain of all wisdom, Who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking: We beseech Thee to have compassion on our infirmities; and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouch-

safe to give us in the fulness of Thy love and grace, which Thou hast made known to us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

57. **Almighty** God, Who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto Thee; and dost promise, that where two or three are gathered together in Thy name Thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of Thy servants as may be most expedient for them, granting us in this world knowledge of Thy truth and in the world to come life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Adoration and Thanksgiving.

1. **Great** is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable. Who can utter the mighty acts of the Lord? Who can shew forth all His praise? We will speak of the glorious honour of Thy majesty. We will abundantly utter the memory of Thy great goodness, and sing of Thy righteousness.

O Thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel, our fathers trusted in Thee, and Thou didst deliver them: they trusted in Thee, and were not confounded. The eyes of all wait upon Thee, and Thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest Thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing. Thou art our Shield, our Glory, and the Lifter up of our head.

2. **We** will bless the Lord at all times. His praise shall be continually in our mouth. Our souls shall make their boast in the Lord. O that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men. For He satisfieth the longing soul; He filleth the hungry soul with goodness.

3. **The** Lord upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all those that are bowed down. He soweth light for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart. The

Lord is righteous in all His ways, and holy in all His works. The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him in truth; He will fulfil the desire of them that fear Him. He will hear their cry and will save them.

Our mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord: and let all flesh bless His holy Name for ever and ever.

4. **We** will praise Thee, O Lord, with all our heart: we will glorify Thy Name for evermore: for great is Thy mercy towards us. Thou hast considered our trouble. Thou hast known our soul in adversities; yea, Thou hast delivered our soul from the lowest hell. Because Thy loving-kindness is better than life, our lips shall praise Thee. Our mouth shall shew forth Thy righteousness and Thy salvation all the day, for we know not the numbers thereof.

Bless the Lord, O our soul, and all that is within us bless His holy Name. Bless the Lord, O our soul, and forget not all His benefits; Who forgiveth all our iniquities; Who healeth all our diseases; Who redeemeth our life from destruction; Who crowneth us with loving-kindness and tender mercies; Who satisfieth our mouth with good things, so that our youth is renewed like the eagle's.

5. **We** have thought of Thy loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of Thy temple. According to Thy Name, so is Thy praise unto the ends of the earth.

Many, O Lord our God, are Thy wonderful works which Thou hast done, and Thy thoughts which are to usward. They cannot be reckoned up in order unto

Thee. If we would declare and speak of them they are more than can be numbered. O Lord, how manifold are Thy works; in wisdom hast Thou made them all: the earth is full of Thy riches. How precious also are Thy thoughts unto us, O God. How great is the sum of them.

6. **The** Lord is gracious, and full of compassion: slow to anger, and of great mercy. The Lord is good to all, and His tender mercies are over all His works. All Thy works shall praise Thee, O Lord, and Thy saints shall bless Thee. They shall speak of the glory of Thy kingdom, and talk of Thy power; to make known to the sons of men Thy mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of Thy kingdom. Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; and Thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.

7. **We** will offer to Thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the Name of the Lord. We will pay our vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all His people. The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad. Blessed be the Lord who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation.

The Lord is the portion of our inheritance, and of our cup. Thou maintainest our lot. The lines are fallen unto us in pleasant places: yea, we have a goodly heritage. Though we walk through the valley of the shadow of death, we will fear no evil: for Thou art with us. Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort us. Thou wilt shew us the path of life: in Thy presence is

fulness of joy; at Thy right hand are pleasures for evermore.

8. It is very meet and right, just and wholesome that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto Thee, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. We bless Thee that through Him Thou didst make us at the first in Thine image; and that when we, falling away from Thee through sin, had become Thine enemies, and so subject unto death and eternal judgment, Thou of Thine infinite mercy and love, didst send Thy Son to be our Saviour from sin and death and all the power of the devil. We thank and praise Thee for His Cross and Passion; for His Resurrection from the dead, and Ascension into glory; and for the sure and blessed hope of His coming again; for the Holy Ghost Whom Thou didst send to us from Him; and that Thou hast made us in Him to be sons and daughters of the Lord Almighty. Wherefore, with all Thy holy angels and dear children, we would evermore praise Thee, saying: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts; heaven and earth are full of Thy glory: glory be to Thee, O Lord Most High. Amen.

9. Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we Thine unworthy servants do give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for all Thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless Thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for Thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace

and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech Thee, give us that due sense of all Thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we shew forth Thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to Thy service, and by walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to Whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

10. **O God,** great is Thy loving-kindness: accept our offering of thanks and praise.

For our creation and preservation; for our sleep during the night and our safety this morning; for the comforts of this world, and the hopes of the world to come, we bless Thee, O Lord.

For our work in life, and all encouragement and good success therein; for our leisure and recreations; for our dear kindred and friends; for all that reminds us of Thee, and all opportunities of helping others and of glorifying Thee, we bless Thee, O Lord.

For Thy love in our redemption; for Jesus Christ, Thine unspeakable gift to us; for the coming and power of Thy Holy Spirit, we bless Thee, O Lord.

Blessing and honour, glory and praise be unto Him that sitteth upon the Throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. Amen.

11. **O Lord,** our Heavenly Father, we bless and praise Thee for Thine infinite wisdom and goodness which

Thou hast shown towards all Thy creatures, but especially towards us, the children of men.

Thou hast delivered us by the light of Thy Gospel from the darkness of error and ignorance; Thou hast drawn us out of the dungeon of death, whereunto we were condemned through the corruption of our nature, and hast brought us into the kingdom of Thy dear Son, who gave Himself for our sins, according to Thy good pleasure and everlasting ordinance. Thou hast received us into Thy Church, and hast called us to be partakers of the everlasting inheritance of Thy dear Son; to be of that royal priesthood which shall offer the sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving to Thy holy Name, in Thy heavenly temple.

Grant that our lives may be consecrated to continual thanksgiving, to show forth Thy mighty works, Who hast called us out of darkness into Thy marvellous light. Unto Thee, O King eternal, immortal and invisible: unto Thee, O God, Who only art good, and only wise, be honour and glory for ever. Amen.

12. O God, the Father of Spirits, the Lord and Giver of life: we bless and praise Thee for all Thou art to us, and all Thou doest for us, and bestowest on us, day by day.

For Thy mercies, which are new every morning, and are more than we can number; for seed-time and harvest, for summer and winter; for food and raiment and shelter; for daily bread and nightly rest; for home and country; for freedom and civil order and righteous government in our land; for good books and wise teachers; for music

and song, for art and science; for the beauty of the earth and the sea and the sky; for all who love us, and all whom we love; for all who have helped us by their words and writings, by their example, and their counsel, and their prayers; for these and all Thine other mercies, known and unknown, remembered or forgotten, we give Thee thanks, O God.

Above all we praise Thee for the light and guidance for life and death that Thou hast given us in Thy Holy Word; for Jesus Christ, Thine unspeakable gift; for the comfort that is in Christ; for the strength and help that come from the Holy Spirit, the Comforter; for the fellowship of Thy Church on earth, the memory of Thy saints in heaven; for the ministry of the Word and Sacraments; for opportunities of Christian service; for spiritual blessing received, and our hope of blessing in the time to come. For all Thy grace and loving-kindness to us in Christ we bring unto Thee now our sacrifice of praise, beseeching Thee to accept our thanksgivings, and to hear our prayers. Stablish us, O Lord, we beseech Thee, in every good work and word; and make us less unworthy of Thine infinite goodness and mercy. We ask all for the sake of Thy dear Son our Saviour. Amen.

13. **Most** worthy art Thou, O good and gracious God, of all praises, even for Thine own sake. Thou art the Most High and Holy One, and by Thee only are we made holy. We praise Thee for our glorious redemption, purchased for us in Thy dearly beloved Son, Christ Jesus. Give us, we pray Thee, Thy Holy Spirit to guide and govern us. And grant that all things

which have breath may praise Thee, Who art the true life of all creatures; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, Who reigneth with Thee and with the Holy Ghost, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

14. **Thou** art worthy, O Lord, to receive thanksgiving.

For blessings often unnoticed, always undeserved, we praise Thee, O God. For our being and well-being; for the supply of our wants, and the preservation of our lives; for all the good Thou hast bestowed, and all the evil Thou hast averted, we praise Thee, O God. For light in darkness; for strength in weakness; for succour in adversity; for consolation in affliction; for chastisement amid sin; and for all the tokens of Thy faithfulness, and all the proofs of Thy mercy and love, we praise Thee, O God.

And as for the blessings of Thy Providence, which are more than can be numbered, so also would we thank Thee for the riches of Thy grace, which are past finding out. We have been hungry, but Thou hast fed us with the Bread of life; poor, but Thou hast made us heirs of God and joint-heirs with Jesus Christ. In our darkness the Dayspring from on high hath visited us. In our loneliness we have been gathered into the communion of saints. We have been burdened with guilty fears, but Thou hast begotten us again unto a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

We praise Thee, O God; we will bless Thy Name for ever and ever. Amen.

15. It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto Thy name, O most High.

For all the gifts which Thou hast bestowed upon us and our race; for the life Thou hast given us; and the world in which we live, we praise Thee, O God.

For the work we are enabled to do, and the truth we are permitted to learn; for whatever of good there has been in our past lives, and for all the hopes and aspirations which lead us on toward better things, we praise Thee, O God.

For the order and constancy of nature; for the beauty and bounty of the world; for day and night, summer and winter, seedtime and harvest; for the varied gifts of loveliness and use which every season brings, we praise Thee, O God.

For all the comfort and gladness of our lives; for our homes and home blessings; for our friends and all the pure pleasures of social intercourse; for the love, sympathy and goodwill of men, we praise Thee, O God.

For all the blessings of civilization, wise government and legislation; for education, and all the privileges we enjoy through literature, science, and art; for the help and counsel of those who are wiser and better than ourselves, we praise Thee, O God.

For all true knowledge of Thee and the world in which we live, and the life of truth and righteousness and divine communion to which Thou hast called us; for Prophets and Apostles, and all earnest seekers after truth; for all lovers and helpers of mankind, and all godly and gifted men and women, we praise Thee, O God.

For the gift of Thy Son Jesus Christ, and all the helps and hopes which are ours as His disciples; for the presence and inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and for all the ministries of Thy truth and grace, we praise Thee, O God.

For communion with Thee, the Father of our spirits; for the light and peace that are gained through trust and obedience, and the darkness and disquietude which befall us when we disobey Thy laws and follow our lower desires and selfish passions, we praise Thee, O God.

For all the discipline of life; for the tasks and trials by which we are trained to patience, self-knowledge, and self-conquest, or brought into closer sympathy with our suffering brethren; for troubles which have lifted us nearer Thee and drawn us into deeper fellowship with Jesus Christ, we praise Thee, O God.

For the sacred and tender ties which bind us to the unseen world; for the faith which dispels the shadows of earth, and fills the saddest and last moments of life with the light of an immortal hope, we praise Thee, O God. Amen.

16. **Let** us lift up our hearts unto the Lord.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty that we should at all times, and in all places, by all means, and upon all occasions, remember and extol, sing praises and give thanks, bless and adore Thee, O God; for Thou art our Maker and Sustainer, the Keeper and Governor, the Cherisher and Benefactor, the Improver and Finisher of all things.

To Thee, O Lord, Father and King Eternal, Fountain of life and immortality, Treasurer of bliss inexhaustible and everlasting; the heaven and heaven of heavens, angels, and all the powers therein, and we poor mortals, sinful dust and ashes, vile and unworthy though we be, do yet, laid prostrate under their feet, beg leave to join in concert with

that heavenly host, and say, the best we can, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of Thy glory.

Blessed be the glory of the Lord, from His place, for the essential perfections of His Godhead, His incomprehensible greatness, His dominion and omnipotence, His eternity and providence, His holiness and justice, His wisdom and truth, His goodness and mercy; but, above all, for the unspeakable riches of His exceeding abundant grace and love in Christ Jesus. Amen.

17. O most merciful and gracious God, Thou fountain of all mercy and blessing, Thou hast opened the hand of Thy mercy to fill us with blessings, and the sweet effects of Thy loving-kindness; Thou feedest us like a shepherd, Thou governest us as a king, Thou bearest us in Thy arms like a nurse, Thou dost cover us under the shadow of Thy wings and shelter us; Thou wakest for us like a watchman, Thou providest for us like a husband, Thou lovest us as a friend, and thinkest on us perpetually, as a careful mother on her helpless child, and art exceedingly merciful to all that fear Thee. As Thou hast spread Thy hand upon us for a covering, so also enlarge our heart with thankfulness, and fill our mouth with praises, that our duty and returns to Thee may be great as our needs of mercy are: and grant that what Thou hast sown in mercy may spring up in duty: and let Thy grace so strengthen our purposes, that we may sin no more, lest Thy threatening return upon us in anger, and Thy anger break us into pieces: but let us walk in the light of Thy favour, and in the paths of Thy

commandments; that we, living here to the glory of Thy name, may at last enter into the glory of our Lord, to spend a whole eternity in giving praise to Thy exalted and ever glorious name.

18. We praise and bless Thy holy Name, Father of mercies, and God of all grace, that Thou hast had compassion upon us, miserable sinners:

That Thou didst send Thy Son to seek and save us:

That He took on Him the form of a servant, and the likeness of sinful flesh, and fulfilled Thy law, and was obedient to all Thy will even unto death:

That He made propitiation for our sins; and when He had overcome the sharpness of death, He opened the kingdom to all believers:

That He sitteth at Thy right hand in glory everlasting:

That He will come again in majesty to judge the quick and the dead; and will reign till all enemies are put under His feet:

That He is our Advocate with Thee; the Captain of our salvation; the Author and Finisher of our faith:

That He is our Life and Light and Hope:

That He is not untouched with the feeling of our infirmities; having been in all points tempted as we are:

That He ever liveth to make intercession; and saveth to the uttermost them that come unto Thee by Him:

A Prayer of Thanksgiving.

19. O Lord, open Thou our lips,
And our mouth shall shew forth Thy praise.

For life and breath, for food and gladness, for every good and perfect gift of Thine, and for Thy goodness and mercy following us all the days of our life,

We praise Thee, O God.

For all that is true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and of good report,

We praise Thee, O God.

For the gift of Thine only-begotten Son,

For the Word Who was made flesh, and dwelt among us,

For the grace and truth which came by Jesus Christ,

And for His obedience unto death, even the death of the cross,

We praise Thee, O God.

For His kingdom and glory and everlasting dominion,

For the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven,

For the whole family in heaven and earth, the Church of God, which He hath purchased with His own blood,

We praise Thee, O God.

For the blood which cleanseth us from all sin,

For the victory given us through our Lord Jesus Christ,

For the hope laid up for us in heaven,

And for the crown of glory that fadeth not away,

We praise Thee, O God.

Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy Name be glory.

Blessing and honour and glory and power be unto Him that sitteth upon the Throne, and unto the Lamb, for ever and ever. Amen.

20. We render thanks unto Thy Name, O God Most High; for Thou hast created us in Thine own image;

Thou hast given us souls to know and love Thee; Thou hast made us but a little lower than the angels; Thou hast supplied all our wants; Thou hast loaded us with Thy benefits; Thou hast caused our cup to run over.

We have sinned against Thee, but Thou hast spared us; we have wandered from Thee, but Thou hast sought us; we were lost, but Thou hast saved us. O God our Saviour, Thou hast broken our chains, that we might be free; Thou hast healed our diseased souls, that we might not perish; Thou hast enriched us who were poor with the treasures of Thy salvation; Thou hast made us who had nothing to inherit all things; and even now all things are ours.

Therefore with one heart and one voice we laud and magnify Thy glorious Name; and with Thy saints on earth and in heaven, we ascribe blessing and honour and glory and power unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

21. **Honour** and praise be given to Thee, O Lord God Almighty, for all Thy mercy and loving-kindness shown unto us, Thy people.

For the bountiful gifts wherewith Thou dost bless our outward life, we offer Thee our grateful thanks: for the glory of the heavens, and the beauty of earth; for the light of the day, and the quiet of the night; for strength in our labour, and rest in our weariness; for the love of kindred, and the fellowship of friends.

We thank Thee for our lot in a free land, and under righteous government; for just laws and open churches;

for good books and wise teachers. Especially we thank Thee for creating us in Thine own image; for redeeming us when we were lost, with the precious blood of Christ; for sanctifying us by Thy Spirit in the revelation and knowledge of Thy word; for Thy help and succour in our necessities, Thy fatherly comfort in our tribulations; for saving us in dangers of body and soul, and for giving us so large a time for repentance.

These benefits, O most merciful Father, we acknowledge to have received of Thy goodness alone; and so do we implore Thy grace continually to augment our thankfulness toward Thee, kindling our hearts with pure and fervent love; that our lips and lives may more and more show forth Thy praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Communion of Saints.

22. **Almighty** and Everlasting God, we most heartily thank Thee that Thou hast now vouchsafed to feed us with spiritual food, assuring us thereby that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of Thy Son, and heirs through hope of Thine everlasting kingdom. And we most humbly beseech Thee, O Heavenly Father, so to assist us with Thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship.

And this day with Thy holy Church throughout the world, we give thanks to Thee for all Thy saints departed in the faith, for our present fellowship with them, for our common hope, and for the promise of our future joy in the day of the resurrection of the just. O let the cloud

of witnesses, the innumerable company of those who have gone before and entered into rest, be to us for an example of godly life, and even now may we be refreshed with their joy; that so with patience we may run the race which yet remains before us, looking unto Jesus Christ our Lord; through Whose blood an entrance is administered abundantly to all believers into the everlasting kingdom, the heavenly Jerusalem, the glorious assembly of the saints; and by Whom the innumerable company of angels, and all the powers of heaven celebrate Thy majesty, and adore with trembling.

With them we also magnify and praise Thee, mighty God, heavenly King. With them we worship and adore Thy glorious Name, saying Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts: heaven and earth are full of Thy glory. Glory be to Thee, O God most High! Amen.

23. **Rejoicing** in the communion of saints, we give Thee thanks, O Lord, for all Thy servants who have departed in Thy faith and love, especially those dear unto our own souls. Give us grace, we beseech Thee, so to follow their good example that even here we may be united to them in fellowship of spirit, and that finally we may be gathered together with them into the bosom of Thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

24. **O Lord,** most High, with Thy whole Church throughout the world, we give Thee thanks for all Thy faithful servants who, having witnessed in their lives a good confession, have left the light of their example to shine

before Thy people on earth. Mercifully grant that by Thy Fatherly blessing we may be enabled to follow them in all virtuous and godly living, and that hereafter we may be united with them and Thy glorified Son in Thy heavenly presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

25. **Remembering** before Thee Thy whole people on earth, we thank and praise Thee, O our Father, for those whom Thou hast taken to Thyself out of the temptations and sorrows of this present life. Grant that we may not mourn for them, as those who have no hope, but may so follow Thy saints who have gone before us, that we may come to those unspeakable joys which Thou hast promised to all them that love Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

26. **O God,** Who hast taught us that all who draw near to Thee in the true faith of Christ are come already to the heavenly city, to the spirits of just men made perfect, and to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, we thank Thee for the Communion of Saints. Give us grace to live in the remembrance of those who served Thee on earth, and are now gathered together in the eternal home; and prepare us for being united to that glorious company when our earthly task is done; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Intercession.

1. **Lord,** hear our prayer for the peace of the whole world, for the stability of the holy Churches of God, and the unity of all men; for the conversion of the heathen, for the destruction of idolatry, and for the glory of Thy kingdom.

Lord, hear our prayer for every city and land, and for their deliverance from plague and famine, from earthquake and flood, from fire and sword and all calamities; for this town and country, and for all that in Thy fear dwell therein.

Lord, hear our prayer for our absent brethren and beloved friends, and for all that desire our unworthy prayers; for seafaring men and travellers, for sick and dying people, for prisoners, and for all that suffer pain, poverty, or grief.

O Lord, Who blessest them that bless Thee, and sanctifiest those that put their trust in Thee, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance. Preserve the fulness of Thy Church, and bring into it all strangers. Restore to it a godly discipline, and heal its divisions. Sanctify those that love the beauty of Thy House.

Glorify them by Thy divine power, and forsake not us who put our trust in Thee.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord: that it may please Thee to bless the houses of God in this place, and all that in faith, piety, and the fear of God enter therein:

That it may please Thee to bless all that are fruitful of good works in Thy holy Churches and remember the poor; and to send forth Thy mercies upon us all:

That it may please Thee to bless all our youth; to instruct them in the word of Thy truth; to open unto them the Gospel of righteousness; to keep them in the unity of the Catholic Church; to fill them with devotion and charity, and to number them with Thy elect flock:

That it may please Thee to give unto all distressed and scrupulous consciences, to melancholy and disconsolate persons, to all that are afflicted with evil and unclean spirits, a light from heaven, great grace and comforts, patience and resignation, and a timely deliverance.

That it may please Thee to keep the good in goodness, and convert the wicked; to give to all Christian souls according to their several estates and needs, rest and peace, pardon and refreshment; and to show us all Thy mercy in the day of judgment.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord; for Thou art the Helper of the helpless, the Hope of the hopeless, the Saviour of them that are driven by tempests, the haven of them that sail, and the healer of the sick. Be Thou to all men all in all, Thou that knowest every man and his petition, his dwelling and his need. Amen.

Church Litany.

Hear us, Gracious Lord and God.

2. **Rule** and lead Thy holy Christian Church;

Increase the knowledge of the Mystery of Christ;

Make the word of the Cross universal among those who are called by Thy name;

Unite all the children of God in one Spirit;

Abide their only Shepherd, High-Priest and Saviour;

Send faithful labourers into Thy harvest;

Give Thy Spirit and power to preach Thy word;

Preserve unto us the word of reconciliation, and the blessings of Thy holy sacraments;

And, through the Holy Ghost, daily glorify the merits of Thy life, sufferings and death.

Hear us, Gracious Lord and God.

Thou light and desire of all nations,

Watch over Thy messengers both by land and sea;

Prosper the endeavours of all Thy servants to spread Thy Gospel among heathen nations;

Accompany the word of their testimony concerning Thy atonement with demonstration of the spirit and of power;

Bless our congregations gathered from among the heathen; keep them as the apple of Thine eye;

Have mercy on Thine ancient covenant people, the Jews; deliver them from their blindness;

And bring all nations to the saving knowledge of Thee.

Hear us, Gracious Lord and God.

Preserve all bishops and ministers of the Church in soundness of doctrine and holiness of life;

Help all elders to rule well, especially those who labour in the word and doctrine; that they may feed Thy Church, which Thou hast purchased with Thine own blood;

Command Thy blessing on all our schools and colleges; may all who teach therein themselves be taught of God.

Hear us, Gracious Lord and God.

Watch graciously over all kings, princes and governments, and hear our intercessions for them;

Put into their hearts thoughts of peace and concord;

We beseech Thee, especially, to pour down Thy blessings in a plentiful manner upon our gracious sovereign, Edward, Queen Alexandra, George, Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and all the Royal Family;

May our King enjoy a long and happy reign over us; stablish him in Thy faith, fear and love, that he may walk before Thee as Thy servant, and ever seek Thy honour and glory;

Bless both houses of Parliament, and direct their counsels;

Guide and protect the magistrates of the land wherein we dwell, and all that are put in authority; and grant us to lead under them a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

Hear us, Gracious Lord and God.

O Thou Preserver of men,

Send help to all that are in distress or danger;

Protect those who go down to the sea in ships, and do business in great waters;

Strengthen and uphold those who suffer bonds and persecution for the sake of the Gospel;

Defend and provide for fatherless children, and widows, and all who are desolate and oppressed;

Be the support of the aged;

Make the bed of the sick, and, in the midst of suffering, let them feel that Thou lovest them;

Reveal Thyself to the dying; comfort them by a sense

of Thy presence and peace, and inspire them with an assured hope of glory and immortality.

Hear us, Gracious Lord and God.

O Lord, Who art over all, blessed for ever, the Saviour of all men,

Have mercy on Thy whole creation;

For Thou camest by Thyself to reconcile all things unto God, whether things in earth, or things in Heaven.

Hear us, Gracious Lord and God.

Thou Head and Saviour of Thy body, the Church,

Bless, sanctify and preserve every member, through the truth;

Teach us all to be subject to one another in love;

Grant that each, in every age and station, may enjoy the powerful and sanctifying merits of Thy holy humanity; and make us chaste before Thee in soul and body;

Let our children be brought up in Thy nurture and admonition;

Pour out Thy Holy Spirit on all Thy servants and handmaids;

Purify our souls in obeying the truth unto unfeigned love of the brethren.

Hear us, Gracious Lord and God.

Keep us in everlasting fellowship with the Church triumphant, and let us rest together in Thy presence from our labours.

The EKTENH or Great Collect.

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3. **For** peace from above, and for the salvation of our souls,

We cry to Thee, Lord.

For the peace of the whole world, for the prosperity of the Churches of God, and for the unity of all,

We cry to Thee, Lord.

For this house of prayer, and for those who enter it with faith, piety, and the fear of God,

We cry to Thee, Lord.

For all ministers, and office-bearers, and members,

We cry to Thee, Lord.

For our most gracious sovereign, for all who stand around him, and for his army,

We cry to Thee, Lord.

That thou mayest aid them in battle, to put every foe under their feet,

We cry to Thee, Lord.

For this (city and) country, and for all who dwell in (them) it,

We cry to Thee, Lord.

For genial weather, for abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for fruitful seasons,

We cry to Thee, Lord.

For mariners, for travellers, for those who are sick, and for the suffering: for prisoners and for their safety,

We cry to Thee, Lord.

That we may be delivered from all affliction, from wrath and danger, and necessity,

We cry to Thee, Lord.

Help, save, have mercy, and protect us, O Lord, by Thy grace.

4. **Almighty** God, Who art the Hearer of prayer, give ear to our petitions, and grant us our requests.

To Thee we make our supplication, beseeching Thee to pour out Thy Holy Spirit upon all Thy people, that they may dwell in Thee and Thou in them, and that they may have peace and prosperity, and be joyful in the Lord.

May the light of Thy truth shine even into the dark places of the earth, bringing to them also the joy of Thy salvation;

We pray for our King and country, and the whole empire to which we belong, that the Sun of Righteousness may shine upon us, and His light illumine our whole people.

For our statesmen and rulers, that the Lord may direct their way in truth and righteousness;

For those dear to us who are absent from us, and all our brethren in other lands, that the God of our fathers would unite us all in the one household of faith and love;

For those who are diligent in their business, that the Lord would establish the work of their hands upon them;

For those who serve Thee in Thy Church, that their hearts may be wholly consecrated to Thee, and their lives be to others as an holy example;

For teachers of youth and men of science and learning, that they may all be partakers of that wisdom which is from above; for physicians, and all who minister to the sick, that the great Physician would minister in and through them to bring consolation and blessing to those who suffer;

For the homes of Thy people, that husbands and wives, parents and children, brethren and sisters, may be blessed in each other; and for those whose homes are devoid of happiness and whose hearts are strangers to joy and peace, that the Lord would lead them to Himself, and give them the portion of His people;

For the aged and the lonely, that Thou wouldest cheer them with Thy gracious presence; for the sick, that they may be healed; for the sorrowful, that they may be comforted; and for those on whom Thou hast laid great and sore troubles, that Thou wouldest be to them a present Refuge and Help;

For the little ones of the flock, we ask that the Good Shepherd may care for them as lambs of His fold;

For young men and women, that they may have courage to confess Christ, and wisdom to obey Him, and may never be ashamed to be called His disciples;

For servants and handmaidens, that the Lord would sanctify their lives by His Spirit, and make all their service well-pleasing in His sight;

For those who have sinned and repented, we pray that they may be forgiven and restored to Thy favour;

For those who are growing careless and indifferent, and forsaking Thy ways, that Thou wouldest not forsake them, O Lord, but bring them to repentance, and show them Thy salvation;

For those who have neglected to watch and pray, that

Thou wouldest awaken them to a sense of their danger;

For those who are slothful in Thy vineyard, that they may be ashamed of their slothfulness, and be filled with zeal for Thy service;

For those who are discontented with their lot, that they may learn to have godliness with contentment;

For those who esteem themselves beyond what is right, that the Lord would give them a meek and lowly heart;

For those who are despondent and self-absorbed, that the Lord would open their eyes to look with sympathy on the joys and sorrows of their fellowmen;

For those whose hearts are divided between God and the world, that they may learn to set their affections on things above;

For those who are at variance with any of their brethren, that they may learn to forgive, and to be of one mind;

For those who deceive themselves by false hopes, that the Lord would take away the veil that hides from them the deceitfulness of their own hearts;

For those who wickedly despise Thy chastening and refuse Thy word, that the Lord may rebuke them, and humble and subdue them;

For those that are in bondage to besetting sins, that the Lord would break their bonds, and set them free;

For all those on behalf of whom we have offered these our prayers, and for those whom we name in our hearts before Thee,—hear us, O Lord, and let our prayers come before Thee, and be accepted in Him who has taught us to pray, saying,

"Our Father, which art in Heaven," etc.

5. **Remember** O Lord, Thy covenant and Thy promises, that Thou wilt never forget Thine own.

Look on the congregations of faithful men to whom Thou hast entrusted the precious treasure of Thy true Gospel; preserve them in the faith; teach them to walk worthy of the high calling wherewith they are called; purify them from all abuses and evil, and let them bring forth much fruit.

To all who preach Thy Holy Name, whether in this place or elsewhere, throughout all Christendom, give Thy Spirit, that they may truly proclaim Thy word and not their own.

Strengthen all our brethren who dwell amid the enemies of the truth; let no craft nor trial make them swerve aside; comfort them in sadness; help them under oppression, that they may remain steadfast in faith, godly in life, patient in affliction, and unvanquished even in death.

Have mercy on the darkness in which so many nations and so large a portion of the world are yet lying, and let them be enlightened by the light of Thy dear Son and of Thy Holy Gospel.

Let the fulness of the heathen be gathered in, and Israel be saved, that Thy Name may be praised from the rising of the Sun to the going down of the same, and all the world may have one fold and one Shepherd.

Protect the place where we dwell, and let all regions of the earth behold Thy mercy.

Make our land fruitful, and suffer us to enjoy its fruits in health, peace, and thankfulness.

Incline the hearts and wills of all princes and governors to open their gates unto the King of kings and Lord of Glory; may He enter into their lands, cities, and

churches, to dwell there, and to rule and govern all things by His Word and Spirit.

Bless our rulers, and give them the fear of God and a good understanding, that they may govern well and wisely, and maintain peace and unity.

Bless our homes; may husbands and wives be glad in each other; may parents have joy in their children, and children honour their parents; may brethren dwell in unity, and neighbours be kind to one another.

Prosper us all with Thy blessing in our various callings and spheres, that we may be able to provide things honestly in the sight of all men, and to accomplish some useful work.

Especially we commend to Thy Fatherly goodness all who are in any affliction, the sick and the sorrowful, the tempted and the destitute, the captives, and those who are oppressed by war or tyranny.

Sustain all lonely and heavy-laden hearts.

Let the cry of the poor, the widow, the orphan, find acceptance with Thee.

Guard the rich from pride, and from trusting in uncertain wealth, and teach them to look to Thee, the living God, Who canst alone continue them in the possession of what they enjoy.

Guide aright the traveller on his way; protect and provide for those who know not where to lay their heads.

Convert the sinful and the godless, release their souls from the snares of Satan, open their eyes to their own miserable condition, and bid them turn to Thee with their whole hearts.

To Thy loving heart, O great High Priest, we commend ourselves and all whom we love, our friends and

also our foes; and most especially those who have asked us to remember them in our weak intercessions. Plead Thou for them and for us evermore. Amen.

6. **Almighty** God, we beseech Thee to build up Thy people in holiness, and to lead the unbelieving into the faith of Thy Son.

We pray for the Church of Christ in all its branches. Heal the divisions of Thy people, O Lord; and enable them to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Sustain the faith and fervour of all who are working and waiting for the coming of Thy kingdom.

We commend to Thy favour all Ministers and Missionaries, all Evangelists and Sabbath-school teachers, entreating Thee to anoint them with Thy Spirit, and to prosper their labours.

We beseech Thee to bestow especial grace on missionaries of Thy Church who are labouring among peoples who regard them with hostility or suspicion, or who occupy fields of Christian work where they have no companion of their own nation. Sustain them under the burden of loneliness or weariness by tokens of Thine own presence, and give them abundant success in their labours.

Watch over those who have been gathered from among the heathen into Thy Church, building them up in holiness; and let not the force of former habits, or any temptation, draw them back into heathenism. Chase away the mists of superstition, and break the fetters of idolatry. Look in pity upon the whole world, and let the hour of its redemption draw nigh.

Incline the nations more and more to study the things that make for peace. Be merciful to this dear land, in which our fathers have lived and died. Let reverence for things sacred, and the love of duty, increase among us. Purify public life from all self-seeking and corruption. Restrain the folly and vice which abound in our land. Grant that all who belong to our Empire may be inspired by a true patriotism, and may set their hearts on the things that make for national righteousness.

Bless our Sovereign, the King; the Royal Family; and all in authority over us.

We pray for the Army and Navy, and for all who are in the public service of the country, at home, and abroad. Protect them from all danger, and make them loyal to the religion of Jesus Christ, that, wherever they are, they may be witnesses for Him.

Incline the hearts of men of genius and learning, of wealth and social influence, to consecrate their gifts to Thy glory. Give to masters and servants alike more of the spirit of Him who is the Master of all, and who dwelt among us as one who served.

Bless the trades and industries of our country; and grant that by diligent and conscientious working, by frugality, by temperance, by honourable and true dealing, our prosperity may be preserved and extended.

Protect those who are afar off on the sea, and bring them to their desired haven.

We commend to Thy compassion the disappointed; the unemployed; the homeless and desolate; those who have been weakened by illness, or disabled by accident; and all who are finding the path of life difficult, or its burdens heavy.

Have mercy on all the sick or sorrowful who are round about us.

Be near to such as have troubles of which they can speak only to Thee, and for which there is no help in man.

God of all comfort, Who bindest up the broken in heart and healest their painful wounds, we beseech Thee to comfort those who are in sorrow or bereavement, and to bring to their remembrance that our Saviour Jesus Christ has taken away the sting from death, and the victory from the grave, and has promised to receive them that love Him unto the place which He hath prepared for them.

We pray Thee to bless those who nurse the sick, and all institutions that offer a refuge for the afflicted in body or in mind; and to give us sympathy with all who suffer, and charity towards all our fellow-men.

Reveal Thyself, O Gracious Father, to those who are strangers to Thy love and grace. Be pitiful to those who, from their youth, have breathed the tainted air of sin.

Lead little children to Thyself, and reveal to them the things of Thy kingdom, which are hidden from the wise and prudent of this world.

Grant that those who have lost the faith of their youth by yielding to the seductions of sin, may repent of their sin; and, returning unto Thee, become again as little children.

Give to young men and women strength to resist evil, and to hold fast that which is good.

Be gracious to the aged and infirm, whose days of work are past, and prepare them for the rest that remaineth for Thy people; and grant unto those who

have finished their course an abundant entrance into Thy Heavenly Kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

7. **Almighty** and most merciful Father, Who by Thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make our prayers and supplications for others, hear us when we intercede for our brother men.

We pray for all who have a claim on us by kindred or by deeds of kindness; for those who hate and defame us, as well as those who love us; for all that pray for us, and all whom we have promised to remember in prayer. Let Thy blessing rest upon all who are blessings to others; upon all lovers of mankind and hasteners of Thy kingdom; upon every soul that loveth and seeketh truth; upon all men of humble and holy heart. O Helper of the helpless, show Thy perpetual pity to those who are troubled by temptation or distraction; to the sick in soul or body; to the hopeless and weak-hearted; to the sorrowful and the lonely. Succour them all, we beseech Thee, according to their need. Remember, O Lord, all captives and prisoners; all workers in perilous callings; all dwellers in cheerless places. Be a Fellow-voyager with the voyagers on the deep, and a Fellow-traveller with the travellers by land; let Thy presence be an abiding shield before the steps of the wanderer.

May it please Thee, O Almighty God, to preserve our country and race in continual prosperity. Turn away war from our borders, and let not disease or famine terrify us. Grant to our land healthful seasons, with all the blessings of the sunshine and the rain.

Ever let the year be crowned with Thy goodness, that we may rejoice in Thy bounty. O Lord, Who hast loved the Church and given Thyself for it, let Thy favour abound toward it more and more. Grant that all Thy children, calling upon Thee, may be joined in the fellowship of one Holy Spirit, and in the love and service of the one only Saviour, Jesus Christ. Enrich with Thy wisdom all pastors and teachers. May their counsels be drawn from Thy fountain, and be a true refreshment to the souls that thirst for Thee.

Defend and exalt Thy Word in the earth, we beseech Thee, O Lord. Break the bonds of all tyrannies which enslave the faith, and scatter all superstitions which corrupt the truth. Raise up for men of many tongues preachers of one counsel according to Thine own heart. Everywhere let Thy Gospel prevail for the enlightenment of dark places, and the turning of wild men to the way of peace. God be merciful unto us, and bless us, and cause Thy face to shine upon us; that Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy saving health among all nations. Let the people praise Thee, O God; let all the people praise Thee.

Now unto the God of all grace, Who hath called us unto His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

8. We join with Thy Church, and plead the merits of Thy sacrifice, for all estates and conditions of men, that none may deprive themselves of that happiness which Thou hast purchased by Thy death; for all Christian kings and governors; for all pastors and

teachers, that they may preserve the sacred rights committed to their trust; for all that strive to propagate Thy Gospel, that they may have a fervent zeal as those that fear Thy Name; for all that sit in darkness, are in error, or are destitute of the necessary means of instruction; for all that sincerely seek the truth; for all sinners, that they may have grace and strength to break their bonds; for all that are in adversity, and all that suffer wrongfully or are deprived of their just rights; for all that are in pain of body or anguish of mind and spirit; for all that are tempted or in danger of falling into despair; for all that are in slavery, under persecution, in prison, or in poverty; for all persons or places in distress by sword, pestilence, or famine; for all that are in their last sickness, that they may omit nothing that is necessary to make their peace with God; for all widows and fatherless children; for all that call upon God, and have none else to help them; for this land and this Church, that the Lord may avert the judgments which we justly deserve; for our friends, our relations, our benefactors, and our enemies; for all that have desired our prayers, and for the whole mystical body of Christ; beseeching the Almighty God, the Creator and Redeemer of all, to have mercy upon all whom He has made and redeemed, and to give unto all grace and help according to the necessities they labour under, for Thy sake, O Lord Jesus, to Whom with the Father and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, dominion and power, for ever and ever. Amen.

9. God be gracious unto us, and bless us in the Church. Put Thy Word into the mouths of our

preachers that they may joyfully proclaim Thy Gospel, and teach, comfort, warn, and reprove with holy earnestness. Bless our rulers and give them the fear of God and a good understanding, that they may govern well and wisely, and maintain peace and unity. Bless our homes; may husbands and wives be glad in each other; may parents have joy in their children, and children honour their parents; may brethren dwell together in unity, and neighbours be kind to one another. Prosper us all with Thy blessings in our various callings and spheres, that we may be able to provide things honest in the sight of all men, and may accomplish some useful work. Look on the tears of the widow and the orphan; listen to their cry, and despise not their complaint. Have mercy upon all who are in any trouble and affliction, in pain or sickness, in trial or temptation. Help the poor, give them contentment and make them rich in Thee. Guard the rich from pride, and from trusting to uncertain wealth; and teach them to look to Thee the living God, Who canst alone continue them in the possession of what they enjoy. Convert those who are enemies unto Thee; bless all pious hearts that love Thee; and may all the ends of the earth behold Thy glory. Amen.

10. **O Lord,** we intercede with Thee for those whom we ought to remember in our prayers.

Pour out, we pray Thee, Thy blessing on all members of Thy Church scattered throughout the world: on all who love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity: on all who prepare their hearts to fear Thee, though it be not with the preparation of Thy sanctuary.

Pour out Thy blessing on all who are working with their hands, on all who are studying and increasing knowledge, on all who are travelling and trafficking.

Pour out Thy blessing on infants and the aged, on the sick and infirm, on the afflicted, bereaved, dejected.

Pour out Thy blessing on all our friends and kindred, on all our neighbours and acquaintances, on all our countrymen, and on all mankind.

Be with all men and women who spend themselves for the good of mankind and bear the burdens of others; who break bread to the hungry, clothe the naked, and take the friendless to their habitation. Establish Thou the works of their hands and grant them an abundant harvest of the good seed they are sowing.

O Thou Who art Love, and Who seest all the suffering, injustice, and misery which reign in this world, have pity, we implore Thee, on the work of Thy hands. Look mercifully upon the poor, the oppressed, and all who are heavy laden with error, labour, and sorrow. Fill our hearts with deep compassion for those who suffer, and hasten the coming of Thy kingdom of justice and truth. Amen.

For the Church.

11. **O Lord,** our God and heavenly Father, forasmuch as in Thy holy Word we are commanded to make prayers and supplications for all men, we commend unto Thy goodness and mercy Thy whole true and living Church, and every member of the same. And, seeing it hath pleased Thee in mercy to pour down Thy heavenly grace upon this land, we pray thee to continue

and increase Thy favour unto us, that Thy glorious Name may be exalted in sincere, pure, and holy worship. . . .

Guide and govern, we beseech Thee, Thy servant our sovereign. Grant him a pure and perfect zeal above all things to promote Thy glory; and may this realm which Thou hast committed to his care be godly and quietly governed. Endue his counsellors with true wisdom, that in all their consultations they may seek the advancement of Thy glory.

Defend and govern by Thy Holy Spirit the pastors of Thy Church, and labourers in Thy vineyard; that they may feed Thy flock with the bread of God, even Thy blessed Word wherewith their souls may be nourished unto life eternal.

And grant unto all the people of this realm a sincere love and reverence for Thy holy Name; so that every one in his calling, being by Thy grace supported and guided, may so occupy the talents committed to him that Thy glory may be advanced, Thy Church enlarged and strengthened, and the realm be brought into all godly prosperity. Amen.

12. We pray Thee, gracious Lord and God, to rule and lead Thy holy Christian Church.

Unite all the children of God in one spirit.

Abide their only Shepherd, High-Priest, and Saviour.

Send faithful labourers into Thy harvest.

Give spirit and power to preach the word.

Preserve unto us the word of reconciliation till the end of days.

And through the Holy Spirit daily glorify the merits of Thy life, sufferings, and death.

Prevent or destroy all designs and schemes of Satan.

Hinder all schisms and offences.

Bring back those who have erred.

Grant love and unity to all our congregations.

Grant to all bishops and ministers of the Church soundness of doctrine and holiness of life, and preserve them therein.

Help all elders to rule well, especially those who labour in the word and doctrine; that they may feed Thy Church which Thou hast purchased with Thine own blood.

Hear, Saviour of Thy body the Church, bless, sanctify, and preserve every member through the truth.

Purify our souls, in obeying the truth, through the Spirit, unto unfeigned love of the brethren.

Keep us in everlasting fellowship with the Church triumphant, and let us rest together eternally in Thy presence from our labours. Amen.

13. We beseech Thee, Lord, for all creatures, and for Thy Holy Church from one end of the earth to the other; that Thou wouldest keep her untroubled and unhurt from all offences, that there be upon her no stain nor blemish, no wrinkle nor any such thing. For all ministers we pray, in every place and region, who preach the right word of a true faith; for all elders who fulfil their office before Thee in righteousness and in the sanctity of truth: for all workers and helpers who keep

the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience; for every estate of Thy loving and holy people in whatsoever place they be; and for all them who knowingly or in ignorance have sinned and fallen before Thee. And we also beseech Thy mercy, O Lord, for our enemies and all that hate us or devise any evil against us: not for judgment or vengeance, O Lord the mighty God, but for pity on them and salvation, and the remission of all their sins; because Thou willest all men to repent and turn to the knowledge of the truth. For Thou hast taught us by Thy beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord to pray for foes who hate us, and for them that rule over us with force or fraud. These things we pray through the grace and mercy of Thy only begotten Son; unto Whom be glory, honour, power, and exaltation with Thee, O Lord, and with Thy living, holy and life-giving Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

14. **We** pray for Thy Church militant. Grant, we beseech Thee, that all Thy servants may be good soldiers of Jesus Christ; may they so fight the good fight and keep the faith, that in due time they shall be joined to the Church triumphant, and enjoy the vision of God, and the everlasting triumphs of Thy kingdom in heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who suffered for our sins and Who sitteth at Thy right hand till His enemies be made His footstool. Amen.

15. **O God** of unchangeable power and eternal light, look favourably on Thy whole Church, and by the quiet

operation of Thy perpetual Providence, carry out, we beseech Thee, the work of man's salvation. Let the whole world feel and see that Thou dost raise up the things which were cast down, and dost make new the things which had grown old, and dost bring all things to their perfection through Him from Whom at first they came. Amen.

16. **Almighty** and everlasting God, Who after a marvellous manner, hast wrought the redemption of man in sending Thine only Son to fulfil the promises made unto our fathers; open up more and more the knowledge of Thy salvation; that in all parts of the earth Thy truth and power may be made known; to the intent that all nations may praise, honour, and glorify Thee; through Thy Son Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

17. **Merciful** Lord, Who gavest the martyrs of our own country such faithfulness, that they yielded their bodies to be burnt in the flame, for the freedom of men's souls; grant that the candle which they lighted may never be quenched in our land; but enable us, when Thou shalt call us, to leave, if need be, what we have held dear, and with undaunted faith to follow Thee, our Saviour, and true Refuge of our souls. Amen.

18. **O merciful** God, hear our prayer for all who serve Thee in sincerity. Strengthen all our brethren who dwell amid the enemies of the Truth; let no craft nor trial make them swerve aside; protect them from their

enemies; comfort them in sadness; help them under oppression, that they may remain steadfast in faith, godly in life, patient in affliction and unvanquished even in death.

Bring soon, O Lord, that glorious time when children shall be born to Thy Zion like the dew of the morning. Let the fulness of the heathen be gathered in, and Israel be saved; that Thy name may be praised from the rising of the sun to the going down of the same, and all the world may have one Fold and one Shepherd. Amen.

19. **Bless** all Thy ministering servants throughout the world, and grant them grace to prove faithful soldiers of the cross. May they be endued with might to awaken the sinful and the careless, to build up saints in their most holy faith, that Thy word may have free course and be glorified, and may prove effectual to the pulling down of the strongholds of Satan and of sin. Be with all Thy worshipping people this day, and grant that they may serve Thee in the beauty of holiness. Have mercy on such as are detained from Thy house of prayer by sickness or any other necessary hindrance. Comfort them in secret, and grant them also a portion of the children's bread. Let them that tarry at home divide the spoil; as they are excluded from the stream, give them to drink more largely at the fountain-head.

This day, gracious Lord, keep us in Thy fear: let us not find our own pleasure, nor do our own ways, nor speak our own words, but live and converse with Thee and grow up into a greater fitness for Thy kingdom and glory.

For a Meeting of Synod or Presbytery.

20. Almighty God, Who through the Apostles of Thy Son Jesus Christ didst order the governance of Thy flock, causing elders to be ordained in every church, both to teach and to rule; send down now Thy blessing upon this Synod (Presbytery) assembled in Thy name. Grant unto Thy servants the spirit of power, and of love, and of a sound mind, that we may be wise in council and diligent in service, faithful stewards of the things belonging to Thy kingdom, and worthy successors of the Apostles whom our Lord sent forth to testify of Him. Direct and govern us by Thy Holy Spirit, preserving us from hasty judgment and vain dispute, inspiring us with hearty love and true devotion, and guiding us both to devise and do those things which shall be for the glory of Christ's Name, for the welfare of His Church, for the peace of all believers, for the spread of the Gospel, and for the good of the whole world.

For a Meeting of General Assembly.

21. Almighty God, Who by Thy Holy Spirit dost inhabit the whole company of the faithful; Graciously regard, we beseech Thee, Thy servants gathered before Thee at this time, in the General Assembly and chief council of this Church. Shed down upon them heavenly wisdom and grace; enlighten them with true knowledge of Thy Word; inspire them with a pure zeal for Thy glory; and so order all their doings through Thy good Spirit that unity and peace may prevail among them; that truth and righteousness may flow forth from them; and that, by their endeavours, all Thy ministers and congregations

may be stablished and comforted, Thy Gospel everywhere purely preached and truly followed, Thy kingdom among men extended and strengthened, and the whole body of Thine elect people grow up into Him who is Head over all things to the Church, Jesus Christ our Lord.

22. **Almighty** and everlasting God, Who by Thy Holy Spirit didst enlighten the minds of Thy servants the Apostles and Elders, met together at Jerusalem to take counsel for the peace and unity of Thy Church, and hast promised by Thy Son Jesus Christ to be with Thy faithful ministers to the end of the world; Grant us, we beseech Thee, the same enlightening and life-giving Spirit, that those things which seem good unto the Holy Ghost may also seem good unto us. Let brotherly love continue, and in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than himself. Save us from all uncharitable judging and rash speaking. Let the peace of God rule in our hearts, and the law of kindness dwell upon our lips; and of Thy great mercy vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, so to direct, sanctify, and govern us in all our doings, by the indwelling of Thy good Spirit, that the Gospel of Jesus Christ may be truly preached, devoutly received, and heartily obeyed in all places, to the breaking down of the kingdom of sin and Satan; till at length the whole flock of Thy dispersed sheep being gathered into Thy fold, under the one Bishop and Shepherd of our souls, shall become partakers of everlasting life, through the merits and mediation of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom be glory in the Church, world without end.

For Missions and Missionaries.

23. **God** be merciful unto us and bless us; and cause His face to shine upon us, that Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy saving health among all nations. Let the peoples praise Thee, O God; let all the peoples praise Thee. O let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for Thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Let the peoples praise Thee, O God; let all the peoples praise Thee. Then shall the earth yield her increase, and God, even our own God, shall bless us; God shall bless us, and all the ends of the earth shall fear Him. Amen.

24. **O great** Lord of the harvest, send forth, we beseech Thee, labourers into the harvest of the world, that the grain which is even now ripe may not fall and perish through our neglect. Pour forth Thy sanctifying Spirit on our fellow-Christians abroad, and Thy converting grace on the heathen.

Raise up, we beseech Thee, a devout ministry among the native believers, that, all Thy people being knit together in one body, in love, Thy holy Church may grow up unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ. Through Him Who died and rose again for us all; the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

25. **Almighty** God, Who by Thy Son Jesus Christ didst give commandment to the holy Apostles, that they should go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature; Grant to us whom Thou hast called into Thy

Church, a ready will to obey Thy word, and fill us with a hearty desire to make Thy will known upon earth, Thy saving health among all nations. Look with compassion upon the heathen that have not known Thee, and on the multitudes that are scattered abroad as sheep having no shepherd. O heavenly Father, Lord of the harvest, have respect, we beseech Thee, to our prayers, and send forth labourers into Thy harvest. Fit and prepare them by Thy grace for the work of their ministry; give them the spirit of power and of love and of a sound mind; strengthen them to endure hardness; and grant that by their life and doctrine they may set forth Thy glory, and further the salvation of all men; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

26. **Hasten** that blessed time when Thy kingdom shall have come, and all shall know Thee from the least unto the greatest; when the knowledge of Thy glory shall cover the earth, as the waters cover the sea. And to that end prosper Thou the missionary work of Thy Church. Turn towards Thyself the hearts of the heathen and the unbelieving. Gather the lost sheep of the House of Israel into the fold of Christ. Give Thy people more and more the spirit of grace and supplication, the spirit of zeal and self-devotion, the spirit of holy fear and Christian love. Amen.

27. **Thou,** Lord, hast taught us to pray that Thy Kingdom may come. Hear us as we plead with Thee for the spread of Thy Gospel throughout the world. Look in

mercy, O Lord, on Thy people who have entered into covenant with Thee. O heal their divisions, enlighten their darkness, strengthen their feeble and scattered efforts. Unite them in Thy faith and fear, and in Christian love one to another.

And do Thou look in mercy upon the Jews in their long dispersion, and the outer darkness of heathendom. On them that sit in the shadow of death cause Thy light to shine. May Thine armies march forward in the faith of Thy promise and possess the world for Thee. May all the ends of the earth remember and turn unto the Lord, and all the kindreds of the nations worship before Thee. Amen.

28. O God of all the nations of the earth, remember the multitude of the heathen who, though created in Thine image, are perishing in their ignorance; and according to the propitiation of Thy Son Jesus Christ, grant that, by the prayers and labours of Thy holy Church, they may be delivered from all superstition and unbelief, and brought to worship Thee; through Him Whom Thou hast sent to be our salvation, the resurrection and the life of all the faithful, the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

29. We humbly beseech Thee, O most merciful God and Father, to bless abundantly those societies which are labouring for the extension of Thy Kingdom in foreign lands. Build up the native Churches, enable all converts to walk worthy of the vocation wherewith they

have been called, and give light to those now beginning to seek after Thy Truth, so that they may pass out of darkness and become children of the day; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

30. **O most** merciful Father, we confess that we have done little to forward Thy Kingdom in the world, and to advance Thy glory. We would humble ourselves before Thee for our past neglect, and seek for Thy forgiveness. Pardon our shortcomings. Give us greater zeal for Thy glory. Make us more ready and more diligent by our prayers, by our alms, and by our example to spread abroad the knowledge of Thy truth, and to enlarge the boundaries of Thy Kingdom; may the love of Christ constrain us, and may we do all to Thy glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

31. **O Lord** Jesus Christ, we pray for those among the heathen who know Thy Name, but fear to confess Thee before men. We beseech Thee to carry on the work Thou hast begun in them, that they may be obedient to the faith. Lord, they believe; help Thou their unbelief. Be pleased in mercy to reveal Thyself to them, so that they may be ready to give up all for Thy sake, and rejoice if they are counted worthy to suffer shame for Thy Name. May the Holy Spirit descend on all missionary schools and colleges, and baptise those who are daily instructed from Thy holy Word. May they walk while they have the light, lest darkness come upon them. May they yield themselves up to Thy command,

and enter into the full light and liberty and peace of Thy Kingdom, Who art, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

32. **O most** merciful Saviour and Redeemer, Who wouldest not that any should perish, but that all men should be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth: fulfil Thy gracious promise to be present with those who are gone forth in Thy name to preach the Gospel of salvation to distant peoples. Be with them in all perils by land or by water, in sickness and distress, in weariness and painfulness, in disappointment and persecution. Bless them, we beseech Thee, with Thy continual favour; and send Thy Holy Spirit to guide them into all truth. O Lord, let Thy ministers be clothed with righteousness, and grant that Thy word spoken by their mouths may never be spoken in vain. Endue them with power from on high; and so prosper Thy work in their hands, that the fulness of the Gentiles may be gathered in, and all Israel be saved. Hear us, O Lord, for Thy mercy's sake, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

For the Jews.

33. **O God,** the God of Abraham, look upon Thine everlasting covenant, and cause the captivity of Judah and Israel to return. They are Thy people; O be Thou their Saviour, that all who love Jerusalem and mourn for her, may rejoice with her; for Jesus Christ's sake, their Saviour and ours. Amen.

34. **Be** graciously pleased to take away the veil from the heart of the Jew, that he may see the end of that which was commanded unto his fathers; and let all the kindreds of the nations turn unto the Lord, through the one Mediator, Jesus Christ; Who in His flesh hath abolished the carnal commandment, and broken down the partition between Jew and Gentile, by one Spirit reconciling both unto Thee. Amen.

35. **O Lord** Jesu Christ, Who art the Temple of the New Jerusalem: Guide, we pray Thee, wandering souls into that earthly Jerusalem which is Thy Holy Catholic Church. Receive again into the arms of Thy compassion Thine ancient nation, which Thou hast dispersed to the ends of the earth. Be not angry with them for ever; but whom Thou hast scattered, gather. Bless them with us, and show us all Thy salvation. Amen.

36. **Almighty** God, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob: We beseech Thee in behalf of Thine ancient people, the house of Israel; of whom are the fathers, and of whom, according to the flesh, did come the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We pray Thee to look down with pity upon their low estate, suffering long under Thy righteous wrath and indignation. We beseech Thee, turn their heart unto Thyself; take away the veil which is thereon, and remove the blindness of their mind; that they may look upon Him Whom they have pierced, and mourn for their iniquities. Accomplish for them, we beseech

Thee, all the purposes of mercy and blessing, which Thou hast yet in store for them; give unto them again the land of their inheritance; build speedily the walls of Jerusalem, and make it to be the joy of the whole earth. Amen.

For the Nation and for Rulers.

37. **Almighty** God, Who in former times leddest our fathers forth into a wealthy place, and didst set their feet in a large room, give Thy grace, we humbly beseech Thee, to us their children, that we may always approve ourselves a people mindful of Thy favours and glad to do Thy will. Bless our land with honourable industry, sound learning and pure manners. Defend our liberties; preserve our unity. Save us from violence, discord and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Fashion into one happy people the multitude brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those whom we entrust in Thy name with the authority of governance, to the end that there may be peace at home, and that we may keep our place among the nations of the earth. In the time of our prosperity, temper our self-confidence with thankfulness; and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in Thee to fail. Amen.

38. **Almighty** Lord, of Whose righteous will all things are, and were created; Who liftest the islands out of the deep and preparest not in vain the habitable world; Thou

hast gathered our people into a great nation, and sent them to sow beside all waters, and multiply sure dwellings on the earth. Deepen the root of our life in everlasting righteousness; and let not the crown of our pride be as a fading flower. Make us equal to our high trusts; reverent in the use of freedom, just in the exercise of power, generous in the protection of weakness. .

To our legislators and counsellors give insight and faithfulness, that our laws may clearly speak the right, and our judges purely interpret it. Let it be known among us how Thou hatest robbery for burnt-offering; that the gains of industry may be all upright, and the use of wealth considerate. May wisdom and knowledge be the stability of our times; and our deepest trust be in Thee, the Lord of nations and the King of kings. Amen.

39. **O Lord,** on Whom the eyes of all do wait, remember every creature of Thine for good; and visit the whole world with Thy mercy.

O Thou Who art the God of grace and truth, establish and strengthen in Thy truth them that stand; restore the weak, and raise up them that fall. Thou, Lord, Who walkest in the midst of the golden candlesticks, remove not, we pray Thee, our candlestick out of its place; but set in order the things that are wanting among us, and strengthen those which remain, and are ready to die.

Send forth, we pray Thee, O Lord of the harvest, labourers in all points fitted by Thy grace to do the work of Thy harvest.

O God, on Whom the isles do wait, and in Whose

arm they trust, defend these islands from all calamity, danger, and death.

O Lord of Lords and Holy Ruler of Princes, be watchful over those whom Thou has deputed to rule Thy world here below; and more especially over our gracious King. Bless him with firm and honourable peace, that under him we may lead quiet lives in all godliness and honesty. Fill all our counsellors with godly wisdom: guide Thou our judges and magistrates in the administration of justice. Give all our people grace to live in subjection to the higher powers.

Bless our husbandmen with fruitful seasons, our fleets with favourable winds, our merchants with successful voyages, our tradesmen with a spirit of honesty and contentment, our artificers, even to the poorest among us, with grace to follow their respective labours diligently and patiently.

Look down, gracious Lord, on all ages and conditions of men; on the distressed in body or soul, orphans and widows, travellers by land or water. Do Thou, Lord, save both man and beast, for excellent is Thy Mercy.

"The Lord bless us and keep us, etc."

40. **Guide** our steps to walk in holiness and righteousness and singleness of heart, and to do such things as are good and well-pleasing in Thy sight, and in the sight of our rulers.

Give concord and peace to us and to all that dwell on the earth, that we may be saved, while we render obedience to Thine almighty and most excellent Name, and to our rulers and governors upon the earth.

Thou, O Lord and Master, hast given them the power of sovereignty through Thine excellent and unspeakable might, that we, knowing the glory and honour which Thou hast given them, may submit ourselves unto them, in nothing resisting Thy will. Grant unto them, therefore, O Lord, health, peace, concord, stability, that they may administer the government which Thou hast given them without failure.

For Thou, O heavenly Master, King of the ages, givest to the sons of men glory and honour and power over all things that are upon the earth.

Do Thou, Lord, direct their counsel according to that which is good and well-pleasing in Thy sight, that, administering in peace and gentleness, with godliness, the power which Thou has given them, they may obtain Thy favour; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

41. **Almighty** God, by Whom kings reign and princes decree justice, Who by Thy special providence hast set over us Thy servant our King: Crown him with thy blessings, and satisfy him with Thy goodness. Save him by Thy right hand, and defend him against such as rise up against him. Prolong his life in peace and righteousness; grant him the Spirit of wisdom and counsel, the Spirit of holiness, and the fear of the Lord.

May he honour them that fear the Lord, and may they that are perfect in the way serve him. Grant that under him we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. And when he hath finished his course on earth, let him inherit a crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

42. **O Thou** God of infinite mercy and compassion, in Whose hands are all the hearts of the sons of men: look graciously upon the darkened souls of the multitudes who know not Thee. Enlighten them with the saving knowledge of the truth; let the beams of Thy Gospel break forth upon them, and bring them to a sound belief in Thee, God manifested in the flesh. Bring in the fulness of the Gentiles; gather together the outcasts of Israel, and make Thy Name known over all the earth. Amen.

For Sabbath Schools.

43. **We** humbly offer up to the throne of grace our intercessions for the Sunday Schools of the Church; and first pray we for the children now taught in them, for their teachableness, their growth in wisdom and knowledge, their holy reverence and constant purity, their perseverance in the faith, and their disposition through God's grace ever to continue both learning and working for His Name's sake.

Bless the teachers. Grant that by zeal with wisdom, and knowledge with love, by tender firmness, by faith and patience and continuance in this their well-doing, they may turn many to righteousness, and make them wise unto salvation. May their own profiting appear unto all men; and through fair humility may they attain an eternal reward.

We pray that the Good Shepherd of the sheep would bring within Christian instruction the multitude of His lambs who now have no fold and no shepherd.

Thou Who art the Great Head of the Church be

pleased to raise up among us more people to undertake this blessed work with faithful zeal and self-sacrifice and joy. Take away from us all hardness, carelessness and indifference; and inspire with love of souls the souls which Thou hast loved.

44. O God our Father, in Whose image all the children of men are made; most heartily we beseech Thee to bless the Sunday Schools of the Church, that the young may be instructed in Thy Word, and that Thy likeness may be renewed in their hearts, through the knowledge of Thy dear Son our Lord. Open the Holy Scriptures both to those who teach and to those who learn, that the difficulties of the letter may not hide the light of the Spirit. Make all the scholars ready to be taught, and willing to obey, that they may find joy and peace in the way of Thy commandments. Enrich the teachers with patient faithfulness and loving wisdom, and send out more labourers into this part of Thy vineyard, that the young and tender plants may be nourished and trained to bring forth fruit unto everlasting life. Finally, we beseech Thee, O most merciful Father, for all Thy little children who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of the evil that is in the world; that it may please Thee to have pity on them, and to gather them by the kindly hand of Thy true servants, into the light of the Christian fold, that they may sit at the feet of Jesus and learn of Him. So let Thy truth be manifest from generation to generation, and the whole family of mankind rejoice together in Thy mercy; through Jesus Christ the Saviour of the world.

For Choirs.

45. **Almighty** God, Who hast ordained the faculties of man to be the usual instruments of rendering to Thee glory and praise, and hast moved the hearts of these Thy servants to desire to serve Thee in singing the praises of Thy Name in the midst of Thy congregation (or in playing on instruments unto Thy praise): Grant unto them, we beseech Thee, Thy blessing and grace. Endue them with the spirit of worship in Thy holy fear, that, through the presence and power of the Holy Ghost, they may edify themselves and all the congregation in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with grace in their hearts.

Hear us, for the sake of Jesus Christ: to Whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

For Households.

46. **Grant** the light of Thy love, O God, unto the homes of Thy people. Strengthen all parents to bear such burdens as are put upon them; enable them to order their houses with discretion and piety. Knit together in constant affection those whom Thou hast made one in holy wedlock. Bestow upon children and youth the dew of Thy grace, that they may grow up in Thy most holy faith and continue therein. Imbue them also with reverence, that, honouring their parents, and having respect unto the aged, and submitting themselves to such as in wisdom or authority are superior to them, they may learn to uphold righteous government and to fear Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Toilers.

47. **All-bountiful** Lord, from Whom cometh every good and perfect gift, and Who hast appointed unto man to labour upon the earth: We beseech Thee, give success to all who engage in useful industries; and add to their prosperity therein a heavenly mind, that they may rejoice in the confidence that righteous toil is accepted of Thee for the furtherance of Thy kingdom. Diffuse among all classes and conditions of men the grace of charity, to the end that, putting away all envy, malice, pride and greed, they may put on brotherliness and the spirit of Christian service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Persons unjustly accused.

48. **O Lord,** strengthen and support, we entreat Thee, all persons unjustly accused. Comfort them by the ever present thought that Thou knowest the whole truth, and wilt in Thine own good time make their righteousness as clear as the light.

Give them grace to pray for such as do them wrong, and hear and bless them when they pray. Amen.

For Absent Friends.

49. **We** pray Thee, good Lord Jesus, by the love which Thou hadst for him that lay on Thy bosom, to make us thankful for all that Thou hast given us in our friends. Help us to love each other in Thee and for Thee, to be one in heart through all separations, and to walk

as friends in the path of Thy service; and finally unite us for ever at Thy feet, where peace and love are perfect and immortal, and Thou, with the Father, etc.

For a Hospital.

50. **O God,** Who ever governest Thy creatures with tender affection: incline Thine ear to our supplications, and graciously regard Thy servants who in this house are suffering from any illness or weakness; visit them with Thy saving health, and bestow on them the medicine of Thy heavenly grace: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, Who hast vouchsafed to mankind both the remedies of healing and the gifts of eternal life: preserve to Thy sick and suffering servants the gift of Thy power; and grant that not only in their bodies but also in their souls they may experience Thy healing: through Jesus Christ, etc.

O God of heavenly powers, Who by the might of Thy command drivest away from men's bodies all sickness and all infirmity; be present in Thy goodness to Thy servants, that their weakness may be banished and their strength recalled, and, their health being presently restored, they may bless Thy Holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

In Time of Pestilence.

51. **Holy** and mighty Lord, Who didst turn back the angel of the plague from the dwellings of Thy people; we beseech Thee to hear our cry for those who are suffering and dying under the visitation of disease. Mercifully

bless the means which are used to stay the spread of sickness, strengthen those who labour to heal and comfort the afflicted, support those who are in pain and distress, speedily restore those who have been brought low, and unto all who are beyond healing grant Thy heavenly consolation and Thy saving grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For a Theological College.

52. **O God,** Who on the day of Pentecost didst send down tongues of fire on the heads of Thy holy Apostles, to teach them and lead them into all truth, give them boldness, with fervent zeal, to preach the Gospel to all nations; raise up, we pray Thee, Thy power and come among us, and with Thy great might succour us. Bless, O Lord, this Theological School; give the Holy Spirit to all who teach and to all who learn therein, and send forth from it men full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, mighty in the Scriptures, able ministers of the New Testament, examples to their flock in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity; workmen that need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth; prepared and willing to endure afflictions, to do the work of evangelists, and to make full proof of their ministry. And upon the seed of Thy Word sown by them pour down, O Lord, we beseech Thee, the continual dew of Thy heavenly blessing, that it may take root downwards, and bear fruit upwards, to Thy honour and glory, and to a joyful ingathering of a spiritual harvest of souls, to glorify for ever Thy Holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For Sailors.

53. **O Eternal** Lord God, Who alone spreadest out the heavens and rulest the raging of the sea: Who hast compassed the waters with bounds until day and night come to an end: Be pleased to receive into Thy Almighty and most gracious protection all that go down to the sea in ships, and occupy their business in great waters.

Show Thyself to them in Thy wonders in the deep, and in the Gospel of Thy dear Son. Grant unto them pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve Thee with a quiet mind. Be with them at sea and in port, at home and abroad, in sickness and in health, in storm and in calm, and enable them to trust in Thee at all times, and to commit themselves and their loved ones at home to Thy Fatherly keeping.

Preserve them, we beseech Thee, from the dangers of the sea, and from their manifold perils and temptations, that they may be witnesses unto Thee whithersoever they go, and may return in safety to enjoy the blessings of the land with the fruits of their labours, and with a thankful remembrance of Thy mercies, to praise and glorify Thy Holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

54. **Almighty** God, Who showest to them that be in error the light of Thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness, grant that our seamen may be living examples to all nations, of the truth and power of Thy Gospel. Make them truly sensible of Thy great majesty and mercy that, as Thou showest them how both winds and seas obey Thy command, so they also may learn, and love, to obey Thy voice and to do Thy will.

Teach them by Thy grace to deny ungodliness and

worldly lusts, and to live soberly, righteously, and godly, that they may shine as lights in the world, and adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things; That thus Thy Word may have free course, and be glorified among the heathen that have not known Thee, and the Kingdoms that have not called upon Thy Name. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. Amen.

In a Time of Storm.

55. **O Lord,** Who makest the winds Thy messengers, and the flames of fire Thy servants: cause us ever to feel that Thou directest the whirlwind, and art present in the storm: that not without Thee the tempests blow, and the thunder utters its voice: not by the laws of nature alone, but by Thy will and at Thy command.

Have mercy on those who are exposed to the fury of the tempest: and especially on such as are on the broad and angry sea. Thou Who wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee, preserve and keep them, good Lord. Thou Who in the days of Thy flesh didst command the winds and waves, saying, "Peace, be still," preserve and keep them, good Lord. Thou Who of old, when darkness was upon the face of the deep, didst move on the waters, and bring forth light and order, preserve and keep them, good Lord. Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God, bless, preserve, and keep both them and us.

After a Disaster.

56. **Almighty** God, Who art a very present help in time of trouble; let not the heart of Thy people fail when fear

cometh; but do Thou sustain and comfort them until these calamities be overpast; and since Thou knowest the cause and reason why this grievous disaster (of fire, flood, earthquake, shipwreck, or other trouble) hath fallen upon men, so do Thou heal the hurt and wounded, console the bereaved and afflicted, protect the innocent and helpless, and deliver any who are still in peril, for Thy great mercy's sake.

In Time of War.

57. **O God,** Who hast given Thy law to the nations, and hast made them to live at peace with one another under Thy just and righteous government: we lament before Thee the great evil and loss which befall the world when nation rises against nation, and the people are slain, and the fruits of peace are wasted and destroyed. Hear our cry of distress, and our prayer on behalf of all who are suffering the miseries of war; both those who are engaged in the strife, and those who with heavy hearts and in darkened homes mourn the loss of lives most dear and precious to them. Grant that even in the heat of the battle or in the flush of victory the spirit of true valour and the counsels of mercy and humanity may prevail; that passion and violence may be restrained, and all needless suffering and loss be prevented. And let Thy blessing be with those who go to the battle-field on errands of mercy, to minister to the wounded and perishing, and to befriend the homeless and the destitute. O let the dark cloud of war pass away, and the light of peace return again; but may it only come with the triumph of the righteous cause, and with the gain of freedom and national good. Lord, hear our prayer, for

Thou canst bring good out of evil, and light out of darkness: Thou art our Rock and our Defence, our Strength and our Portion for ever.

58. **Grant,** O God, unto our King, in these times of danger, Thy gracious counsel, that in all things he may approve himself the father of his people.

Be Thou the gracious Protector of this nation, and of our fellow-subjects in all parts of the world.

Turn the hearts of our enemies; defeat every evil design against us; and continue to show Thy tender mercy unto this united kingdom, as Thou hast done in the days past. Cause us to bow down before Thee to confess our sins, and to acknowledge with contrite hearts that it is of Thy mercies that we are not consumed.

Stop in Thy tender mercy the effusion of human blood, and make discords and wars to cease.

To this end put into the hearts of the rulers of the nations thoughts of peace, that we may see it soon established, to the glory of Thy Name. Amen.

59. **O Lord** God of infinite mercy, we humbly beseech Thee to look down upon the nations now engaged in war. Reckon not against Thy people their many iniquities, for from the lusts of (*our own*) men's hearts come wars and fightings amongst us. Look in mercy on those immediately exposed to peril, conflict, sickness, and death; comfort the prisoners, relieve the sufferings of the wounded, and show mercy to the dying. Remove in Thy good providence all causes and occasions of war; dispose the hearts of those engaged therein to modera-

tion; and of Thy great goodness restore peace among the nations; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

On Occasion of a General Election.

60. O Almighty and Heavenly Father, we beseech Thee to guide and govern the minds of Thy people in wisdom, sincerity, and judgment; that being called to elect just legislators and faithful counsellors to our Sovereign, on behalf of all conditions of men in many nations, we may understand both the sacredness of the trust which Thy providence commits to each of us, and also the greatness of the interests which thereon depend for Thy world and Church, for virtue and Thy true religion. To Thee, Lord, we commend this whole land for which Thou hast done so great things of old. Abolish all mean desire and unworthy motive; let none be deceived through wilfulness or vain words; cleanse all thoughts; uplift all minds. Enable us to consider all things diligently, and in singleness of heart to fulfil Thy will, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing upon the Offertory.

61. Let the right hand that was lifted up over the five loaves wherewith five thousand men were fully fed and baskets left, itself rest and remain on the humble offering of Thy servants, that it may be multiplied and abound, abide steadfast and never fail.

Glory be to Him who through His grace and His compassions supplieth all our needs, now and ever, and into the world to come. Peace be with all. Amen.

Illumination.

1. **For** this cause we bow our knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of Whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant us according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in our hearts by faith; that we, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height, and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, that we might be filled with all the fulness of God. Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

2. **Mighty** God, to Whom all glory and honour do justly appertain: Since it hath pleased Thee to make us understand Thy will by Thy holy Word, grant likewise that we may receive the same with all reverence, and that we may have a feeling of the force and strength thereof; that thereby we may be renewed unto all holiness of life; that in the end we may enjoy the

heritage promised to all them that are adopted in Thy well-beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

3. **Most** merciful God, Whose Word is a lamp unto our feet, and a light unto our path: Send down, we beseech Thee, Thy Holy Spirit upon Thy servant who is now called to declare the glorious Gospel of Thy Son; and to this people be pleased to give Thy heavenly grace, that they may diligently keep in memory whatsoever shall be godly and truly spoken. And, forasmuch as neither he that planteth nor he that watereth is anything, but Thou, O Lord, Who givest the increase, we earnestly pray that the seed of Thy blessed Word, which shall be sown among us, may fall into our hearts as into good ground, and be neither choked with thorns, nor dried up for want of moisture, nor carried away by the birds of the air, but, through the working of the Holy Spirit, may so take root in our hearts that it shall bring forth good fruit to Thy praise and glory, and to the health of our souls; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

4. **O Holy** Spirit, the true Fountain of light and only Author of all knowledge; vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, to enlighten our understandings, and to remove from us all darkness of sin and ignorance. Thou Who makest eloquent the tongues of those that want utterance, direct Thy servant who is now to proclaim Thy Word. Pour upon his lips the grace of Thy blessing; and grant that whatever shall be godly and truly spoken may be received by the hearers with an earnest and obedient

spirit; to the end that Thou mayest be honoured, and they may be saved. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

5. **Most** gracious God, our heavenly Father, in Whom alone dwelleth all fulness of light and wisdom: Illuminate our minds, we beseech Thee, by Thy Holy Spirit, in the true understanding of Thy Word. Give us grace that we may receive it with reverence and humility unfeigned. May it lead us to put our whole trust in Thee alone, and so to serve and honour Thee, that we may glorify Thy holy Name, and edify our neighbours by a good example. And since it hath pleased Thée to number us among Thy people, O help us to pay Thee the love and homage that we owe, as children to our Father, and as servants to our Lord. We ask this for the sake of our Master and Saviour. Amen.

6. **May** the Holy Spirit, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, illuminate our minds, and lead us into all truth, according to the promise of our Lord Jesus Christ, in Whose name and for Whose sake we ask this of Thee. Amen.

7. **We** pray Thee, O Lord our God, that Thou wilt graciously open Thy holy Word to us sinners, and lead us into the knowledge of Thy will for our salvation. Be pleased also to guide all those who wander from Thy Word into the right way, so that we all may live according to Thy holy will. Do Thou grant us at this

time Thy Holy Spirit, so that we may hear Thy Word gladly, and receive Thee into our hearts, even as Thou art willing to come in to us and abide with us. We ask all in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

8. **We** are met, O Lord, in Thy name, to inquire the law from Thy mouth, and to seek those things which make for the peace of Jerusalem; and since all our profiting depends upon Thy blessing, fulfil to us, we beseech Thee, Thy gracious promise that where two or three of Thy disciples are gathered together in Thy name, Thou wilt be in the midst of them. Vouchsafe to preside over this assembly by Thy Spirit, the Spirit of truth and peace. Sanctify us in Thy truth. Purify and enlighten our minds, that we may truly understand, and devoutly handle Thy holy Word. Suffer us not, O Lord, to deceive any man by the Scriptures, nor let us ourselves be deceived; but grant that, seeking the truth sincerely, we may find it, and having found it, may hold it fast with a steady faith. Amen.

9. **Forasmuch** as Thou alone art the Author of the Holy Scriptures, neither can any man understand them except he be taught by Thy Holy Spirit, Who alone guideth Thy people into all truth: Vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, to breathe into our hearts Thy blessed Spirit, that He may open our understandings, reveal to us the mysteries of Thy Word, and give unto us such a certain and assured knowledge of Thy truth, that no persuasion or skill of man may draw us away from Thee. And grant

that, having learned Thy blessed will, we may remain in the same unto our lives' end, to the glory of Thy Name. Amen.

10. **Kindle** in our hearts, O Divine Master and Lover of men, the pure light of Thy divine knowledge, and open the eyes of our minds to the understanding of Thy Gospel. Plant in us the fear of Thy blessed commandments, that, trampling upon all selfish and sinful desires, we may attain to spiritual life, both thinking and doing all things according to Thy Word. For Thou art the Illumination of our souls, and to Thee we ascribe the glory for ever. Amen.

11. **Almighty** God, Who hast bestowed Thy Word upon us, grant unto us grace rightly to understand it. Save us from using Thy Word deceitfully, from wresting it to serve our own purpose, from being in bondage to the letter whilst we neglect the spirit; and grant that, searching the Scriptures diligently, we may find in them their testimony to Christ, and beholding his glory reflected in them, may be changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

12. **Almighty** God, without Whom nothing is strong and nothing is holy, may our speaking and hearing at this time be to the increase of faith, hope, and love. May all that is untrue perish in the speaking, and all that is true be preserved for the use of Thy children till this

hour of darkness gives place to the everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

13. **O God,** the Fountain of all truth and grace, Who hast called us out of darkness into thy marvellous light by the gracious coming of Thy Son, the Brightness of Thy Glory: Grant that we may be so illumined and led in Him Who is the Way and the Truth and the Life, that our way may be peace, and our work righteousness, and the end everlasting life; through Him, Who with the Father and the Holy Spirit is glorified, one God, in light for evermore. Amen.

14. **Let** not Moses speak unto us, nor any of the prophets, but rather do Thou speak, O Lord God, Inspirer and Enlightener of all the prophets; lest perchance if we be only admonished externally, and not aroused within, we die and prove unprofitable; lest the Word heard and not fulfilled, known and not loved, believed and not obeyed, turn to our condemnation. Open Thou our eyes that we may behold wondrous things out of Thy Law; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

15. **O God,** Who didst teach the hearts of Thy faithful people by sending to them the light of Thy Holy Spirit: Grant unto us by the same Spirit to have a right understanding of Thy saving truth; visit, we pray Thee, this congregation with Thy love and favour; enlighten

their minds more and more with the light of the everlasting Gospel; graft in their hearts a love of the truth; increase in them true religion; nourish them with all goodness, and of Thy great mercy keep them in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Close of Public Worship.

1. **Grant,** O Lord, that what we have now heard with our ears we may receive with our soul; and let that which has been the speech of man become to us a counsel of God. May Thy truth set us free from earthly delights, and ever supply us with wholesome food of heart and mind. Preserve in us, O Lord, the gift of Thy grace, that by the power and virtue of Thy holy thought dwelling in us, we may be fortified against all evils of this life and of the life to come.

2. **We** thank Thee, O Lord, for the day that is gone: make bright to us the eventide. Thou Who givest songs in the night, breathe upon us Thy peace. Give us rest not only from our toil, but from evil thoughts. Dispel the darkness of sinful imaginations with the vision of Thyself. Take us this night into Thy gracious protection, and shelter our slumber with the wing of Thy pity. Let our awakening be a time of blessing; and as we add day to day, let us not add sin to sin, but grace to grace.

3. **Almighty** and ever living God, vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, to grant us perfect continuance in Thy lively faith, augmenting the same in us daily, till we grow to the full measure of our perfection in Christ.

4. **We** give Thee thanks, O God, for Thy great love to us in sending Thy Son Jesus Christ unto us, for the communication of Thy Holy Spirit, for the light and liberty of the glorious Gospel, and the rich and heavenly blessings revealed therein. . . . We pray that the Word now spoken may abide in our hearts, and bring forth fruit, and that we may be enabled to live as those who watch for the coming of our Lord. Pardon, we beseech Thee, the sins of our holy things, and accept our spiritual sacrifice, through the merit and mediation of our High Priest and Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

5. **Good** Lord, and God Almighty, Who according to Thy promises hast sent unto us Thy dear Son, our King and Redeemer: grant that we may so order our lives under the obedience of Thy holy Word that we may renounce ourselves and all our carnal affections, and that we may be an occasion to all Thy people to glorify Thy holy Name throughout all the earth, and that through the self-same Jesus Christ our only Saviour. Amen.

6. **Most** merciful God, Author of all good things, Who hast given unto us Thy holy Commandments, whereby we should direct our life: imprint them in our hearts by Thy Holy Spirit. And grant that we may so renounce all our fleshly desires, and all the vanities of this world, that our whole delight may be in Thy law; that we, being always governed by Thy holy Word, may in the end attain unto that eternal

salvation which Thou hast promised through Jesus Christ Thy Son. Amen.

7. **Almighty** God, Who hast delivered us from the servitude of sin and the tyranny of Satan through Thy Son Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world: grant that we, rightly acknowledging this Thy so great redemption, may walk safely under Thy government in all holiness of life, until we attain to the full possession of the true land of the living, where we may continually praise Thee, through the self-same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

8. **O loving** Father, Who by Thine oath hast promised unto us a Saviour, Jesus Christ Thy Son: Thou hast not deceived us, but hast indeed given Him unto us as Thy Word hath declared; and by Thy sacraments Thou hast confirmed it unto us this day; yea, He hath further promised that He will abide with us unto the end of the world. Therefore, dear Father, we beseech Thee that Thou wilt bless us in all our ways, govern us, and replenish us with joy. Let Thy crown and kingdom abide above us; and preserve us in peace through the same Jesus Christ Thy Son. Amen.

9. **Lord**, give us hearts never to forget Thy love; but to dwell therein whatever we do; whether we sleep or wake, live or die, or rise again to the life that is to come. For Thy love is eternal life and everlasting rest. Turn away our hearts from all idols: be Thou our Joy and Hope, our Strength and Life, our Shield and Shepherd, our Portion for ever.

10. **Lord** God, Who dwellest in the light that no man can approach unto, Thou hast guided us by Thy great mercy throughout this day. Accept now the prayers of us Thy unworthy servants; save us from the darkness of sin, and so enlighten the eyes of our soul that we, walking in the light and continuing in Thy fear, may behold Thy wonders, and evermore praise Thee, the only true and gracious God. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory. Amen.

11. **Give** us now Thy blessing, O Father, Who hast created and preserved us; bless us, O Lord Jesus Christ, Who hast redeemed us in soul and body by Thy Cross; bless us, O Holy Spirit, Who hast sealed us heirs of eternal life; and unto Thee, O One God, be honour and glory for ever. Amen.

12. **Suffer** not, O God, the good seed which has now been sown to be caught away by the wicked one out of our hearts, or to be choked by the cares and pleasures of this life; but grant that it may bring forth in us abundantly the fruits of righteousness, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

13. **Lord** of all power and might, Who art the Author and Giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of Thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of Thy great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

14. **Blessed** Lord, Who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, by patience, and comfort of Thy Holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which Thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

15. **We** beseech Thee, Lord, to behold us with favour, folk of many families and nations gathered together in the peace of this roof, weak men and women subsisting under the covert of Thy patience. Be patient still; suffer us yet a while longer—with our broken purposes of good, with our idle endeavours against evil, suffer us awhile longer to endure, and (if it may be) help us to do better. Bless to us our extraordinary mercies; if the day comes that these must be taken, brace us to play the man under affliction. Be with our friends, be with ourselves. Go with each of us to rest; if any awake, temper to them the dark hours of watching; and when the day returns, return to us, our sun and comforter, and call us up with morning faces and with morning hearts —eager to labour—eager to be happy, if happiness shall be our portion—and, if the day be marked for sorrow, strong to endure it. Amen.

16. **O Lord,** let us not receive Thy grace in vain. Let not Thy mercies be lost upon us. As the rain descendeth from heaven, and returneth not thither until it hath watered the earth and made it fruitful, so let not Thy

Word return unto Thee void, but let it accomplish Thy pleasure, and prosper in the thing whereunto Thou hast sent it. Make it effectual to bring forth faith in our hearts, and to establish and increase it in them that believe; and so to build us up in the fear and love of God, and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

17. **O Lord,** let the Word which we have heard be as good seed in our hearts, bringing forth in us fruits which all men may see, the fear and love of God, and deadness to the world and sin. When we return to our daily toil, be Thou our shield against the arrows of temptation, our shelter in the heat of the day. Be Thou, Lord, the strength of our life; of whom then shall we be afraid?

18. **Almighty** God, Who of Thy goodness has placed us in the fold of Thy Son Jesus Christ, that we should be governed by Him, as the only Shepherd and Bishop of our souls: Be pleased, of Thy great mercy, to gather together Thy scattered sheep. As Thou feedest all creatures with temporal food and pasturage, make us to feed upon Thy holy Word: and grant that we, following Thy will declared therein, may in the end enjoy the heritage prepared for Thy people in Jesus Christ our Lord.

19. **O Thou** Who wilt manifest Thy glory in the gathering in of Thy saints, grant to us that we, having received the good seed of Thine engrafted Word, may thereby grow up unto Thee; and, becoming ripened for Thy

harvest, may, in the last great day, be gathered by Thine angels into Thy heavenly garner. Keep us from the snares of the Wicked One, from the snares of the ungodly world, and from the evil that is in our own hearts, and preserve Thou us pure and clean unto the day of Thy coming; and then, O Lord, be Thou glorified in us, and make us to behold Thy glory, among them that shall shine as the sun in the kingdom of the Father.

20. **Almighty** and everlasting God, with Whom alone is the fountain of wisdom and strength, be graciously pleased to bless the word which has been spoken. Give us understanding, that we may keep Thy law; yea, dispose us to observe it with our whole heart.

O Holy Ghost, the Comforter, come and dwell in our souls: make our bodies Thy temple. Fill our minds with Thy light, and our hearts with Thy love, that over our whole life Thy power may be seen in the beauties of holiness.

Doxologies and Benedictions.

Doxologies.

1. **Blessed** be the Lord God of Israel, from everlasting and to everlasting. Amen, and Amen.

2. **Blessed** be the Lord God, the God of Israel, Who only doeth wondrous things. And blessed be His glorious Name for ever: and let the whole earth be filled with His glory. Amen, and Amen.

3. **Blessed** be the Lord for evermore. Amen, and Amen.

4. **Blessed** be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting: and let all the people say, Amen. Praise ye the Lord.

5. **Blessed** be Thou, Lord God of Israel our Father, for ever and ever. Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is Thine: Thine is the Kingdom, O Lord, and Thou art exalted as head above all. Now therefore, our God, we thank Thee, and praise thy glorious Name.

6. **Blessed** be the Name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are His: and He changeth the times and the seasons: He removeth kings and setteth up kings: He giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding: He revealeth the deep and secret things: He knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with Him.

7. **Now** unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

8. **Now** unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

9. **Blessed** be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation, ready to be revealed in the last time.

10. **Now** unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence

of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

11. **Now** unto Him that loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father; to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

12. **Worthy** is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. Amen.

13. **Salvation** to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

Benedictions.

1. **The** Lord bless you and keep you: the Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you: the Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.

2. **Grace** be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

3. **The** grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all.

4. **Now** the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to Whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

5. **Now** the God of peace be with you all. Amen.

6. **The** grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

7. **Brethren,** the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

8. **Peace** be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen.

9. **Now** the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord be with you all. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

10. **Peace** be with you all that are in Christ Jesus. Amen.

11. **The** power of the Father govern and protect you: the wisdom of the Son teach and enlighten you: the influence of the Holy Ghost renew and quicken you: the blessing of the everlasting and all-holy Trinity be with you now and for evermore. Amen.

12. **Now** the God of Love, the Prince of Peace, the Holy Spirit of Grace be with you now and ever. Amen.

Part II

THE SACRAMENTS AND SPECIAL OCCASIONS

The Sacraments.

I.—Baptism.

Prayers before Baptism.

1. **Almighty** and most merciful Father, Who hast revealed Thy gracious purpose towards Thy children in Jesus Christ our Saviour, and Who hast given us the sacraments of Thy Church as seals of Thy redeeming love: Cleanse our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that the administration of this ordinance may bring us a blessing; and quicken our faith that we may lay hold of the grace set forth in the outward symbol, for our growth in holiness, and to the praise of Thy great Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

2. **Almighty** and everlasting God, Who of thine infinite mercy and goodness hast promised unto us that Thou wilt be not only our God, but the God and Father of our children: We beseech Thee to sanctify with Thy Spirit, and to receive into the number of Thy children this infant, whom we are now to baptise according to Thy Word. Grant that [he,] coming to mature age, may confess Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ Whom Thou hast sent, and may serve Thee and be profitable unto Thy Church all the days of [his] life; and when this life is ended may [he] be brought into the full fruition of

Thy joys in the heavens, where Thy Son our Saviour Christ reigneth with Thee the Father and with the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

3. **O God,** Who hast not left us as strangers without the covenant of promise: Graciously vouchsafe to sanctify and bless this ordinance. Be pleased, we beseech Thee, to join the inward baptism of the Spirit with the outward baptism of water. Make this baptism to this child a seal of adoption, remission of sin, regeneration, and eternal life, and all other promises of the covenant of grace. May [he] be planted into the likeness of the death and the resurrection of Christ, and, the body of sin being destroyed in [him], may [he] serve Thee in newness of life all [his] days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer after Baptism.

4. **Most** holy and merciful Father, we give Thee most humble thanks for Thine infinite goodness, Who hast not only numbered us among Thy saints, but also of Thy free mercy dost call our children unto Thee, marking them with this Sacrament as a singular token of Thy love. Wherefore, most loving Father, we beseech Thee, for Christ's sake, that Thou wilt confirm this Thy favour more and more toward us, and take into Thy tuition and defence this infant whom we offer and present unto Thee with common supplications. Suffer [him] not so to fall away from Thee as to lose the force of [his] baptism; but through the Holy Spirit working in [his] heart, may [he] know Thee [his] merciful Father,

and prevail against Satan, that in the end [he] may obtain the victory, and be exalted into the freedom of Thy Kingdom. Amen.

Prayers at the Baptism of an Adult.

5. **Almighty** God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who hast called us to be partakers of Thy great mercy in the fellowship of faith, and hast appointed this ordinance of baptism to be a precious means of grace to Thy believing people: Graciously vouchsafe to bless this ordinance to [him] who is about to be baptised. Be pleased, we beseech Thee, to join the inward baptism of the Spirit with the outward baptism of water. Make this baptism unto [him] a seal of adoption, remission of sin, regeneration, and eternal life. And grant, most merciful Father, that being conformed to Thy Son in His death and resurrection, [he] may walk before Thee in newness of life all [his] days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

6. **Almighty** and ever-living God, Whose most dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ shed His blood for us sinners, and gave commandment to His Apostles that they should go and teach all nations, baptising them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Regard, we beseech Thee, the supplications of this congregation on behalf of Thy servant before Thee. With the washing of the water of baptism, be pleased to bestow upon [him] the fulness of Thy grace. May the blood of Christ, Who through the Eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, purge [his] conscience

from dead works to serve the living God. Baptise [him], O Lord, we beseech Thee, with the Holy Ghost and with fire. Purify and purge [him] like gold and silver, that [he] may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness.

As Thy servant whom we now receive into Thy Church by baptism is hereby enrolled with the soldiers of the cross, clothe [him], we pray Thee, with the whole armour of God—the breastplate of righteousness, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, that having [his] loins girt about with truth, and [his] feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace, [he] may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all to stand. May [he] never hereafter be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, but loyally fight under His banner against sin, the world, and the devil, and continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant unto [his] life's end. This we humbly ask for our Saviour's sake. Amen.

II.—Prayers for Admission to Full Communion.

Prayer before Admission.

1. **O merciful** Saviour, Who not only didst die for us, but also dost give Thyself to be our spiritual food and sustenance, we pray Thee to look down in mercy upon these Thy servants who humbly desire to be admitted to Thy holy Feast. Thou hast said that Thou wilt not cast out any that truly come unto Thee. Accept Thy servants, therefore, we beseech Thee, O blessed Jesus, for Thine own merit's sake. Make them partakers of Thy priceless sacrifice. Feed them with the Bread of

Life which cometh down from heaven. Cleanse them in the fountain of Thy blood. Receive them into the fellowship of Thy saints. Make Thyself known to them in the breaking of bread. O most gracious Saviour, set apart for Thyself these Thy servants in godliness; and let them never more be separated from Thee in this world or in the world to come. And to Thy Name shall be all the glory, both now and for ever. Amen.

2. **O Most** merciful Father, receive, we pray Thee, these Thy children, whom Thou hast redeemed with the precious blood of Thy dear Son, and hast sanctified by the Holy Ghost, and who now, with a free and willing heart, dedicate themselves to Thee, their Lord and God. Accept Thou them, O God; accept their offerings which they offer and present to Thee. Grant unto them, of Thine abundant grace, such preparation of heart that they may receive the full benefit of Thy holy sacraments, and may henceforth be holiness unto Thee, and may walk in righteousness before Thee, being led by Thy Spirit, as Thy loving and obedient children, to the glory of Thy great Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

After Admission.

3. **Almighty** and most merciful Father, we thank Thee on behalf of these Thy children who have now been received into the full communion of Thy holy Church. Grant unto them the continual inspiration of the Spirit of Thy Son, that they may live always the life of Thy

children, walking worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, bearing fruit in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God. May they reckon themselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. May they yield themselves to Thee as alive from the dead, and their bodily members as weapons of righteousness to Thee. Keep them ever mindful that they are not their own, seeing they were bought with a price. Let them know that their bodies are the members of Christ, and the temple of the Holy Spirit, Who is in them, Whom they have from Thee; and may they therefore glorify Thee with their bodies. May they present their bodies a sacrifice, living, holy, well-pleasing to Thee, which is their reasonable service. Whether they eat or drink, or whatsoever they do, let them do all to the glory of God. May they continue in close and constant contact with Christ, that His virtue may be continually imparted unto them, that they may have His life in themselves, and that they may live in His life. Inspire them with deep, devoted, and adoring love to Jesus Christ, with pure, fervent, and unfeigned love to all them that are His. Equip them fully for the place and work to which Thou hast called them in the mystical body of Thy Son. Supply to them by the Spirit of Jesus Christ every spiritual gift of grace, that the name of the Lord may be glorified in them; that Thy Church and people may be profited, strengthened, and comforted through them; and that they, receiving blessing from Thee, may, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God, be dispensers of blessing to all their brethren. Defend them from all the assaults and wiles of the evil one. Help them to overcome the world, and the flesh, and the devil. Make them more than conquerors through Him who loved them. May

they cleave to the crucified and risen Lord with full purpose of heart. May they stand fast in the faith, and not be moved away from the hope of the Gospel. Guard them from stumbling, and set them before the presence of Thy glory blameless in great rejoicing. Fulfil to them all the promises of the new covenant of life and peace. Deliver them from every evil work, and preserve them unto Thy heavenly kingdom. Let them not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, in Whom they have been sealed for the day of redemption. Train them by Thy grace to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts, and to live soberly, and righteously, and piously in this present age, looking for the blessed hope, and the appearing of the glory of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ. May they walk worthy of their calling now, that they may be counted worthy of it when the Lord comes. The God of peace Himself sanctify them wholly; and let their spirit and soul and body be preserved entire, without blame, in the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: to Whom with Thee, and with the Holy Ghost, be all glory and honour and praise, now, henceforth, and for evermore. Amen.

4. We thank Thee, O Lord, for the faith of these Thy young servants, whom we have now admitted into full communion with the Church; and we beseech Thee to establish them in the faith, to keep them from all backsliding and from the snare of the Wicked One, and to guide them continually by Thy Spirit, that they may be true and faithful members of the Body of Christ. May they grow in grace and in the knowledge of Him, may

their charity abound yet more and more, their going be from strength to strength, and their hearts be inclined to seek ever the peace and prosperity of Thy Church.

Bless to them all the means of grace, and especially the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. May Christ be revealed to them in the breaking of bread, and may they know by the inward witness of His Spirit, that their names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life. And thus in the fellowship of Thy Church on earth may they be prepared for communion with Christ in the Church that is above; and unto Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, shall be the glory, world without end. Amen.

5. **Receive**, we beseech Thee, O Heavenly Father, these Thy children, whom Thou hast redeemed with the precious blood of Christ, and who now, with a free and willing heart, dedicate themselves to Thee.

Bestow upon them the earnest of their inheritance, and enable them to keep, by the Holy Ghost, that which Thou shalt commit unto them; give unto them to follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth; preserve them from guile; and let them abide without fault before the throne of God; and unto Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, shall be the glory, world without end. Amen.

III.—The Lord's Supper.

Prayers before Communion.

1. **Most** gracious God, we beseech Thee, that as Thy Son hath not only once offered up His body and blood upon the cross for the remission of our sins, but hath

also vouchsafed them unto us for our meat and drink unto life eternal; so Thou wilt grant us with sincere hearts and fervent desire to receive this great blessing at His hands. May we by living faith partake of His body and blood, yea of Himself, true God and man, the only Bread from heaven, which giveth life unto our souls.

Suffer us no longer to live unto ourselves according to a corrupt and sinful nature; but may He live in us, and lead us to the life that is holy, blessed, and unchangeable for evermore. Thus make us true partakers of the new and everlasting testament, which is the covenant of grace. And thus assure us of Thy willingness ever to be our gracious Father, not imputing unto us our sins, but that we may magnify Thy Name by our words and works, providing us, as Thy beloved children and heirs, with all things needful for our good. Fit us, O Heavenly Father, so to celebrate at this time the blessed remembrance of Thy beloved Son. Enable us profitably to contemplate His love, and show forth the benefits of His death; that, receiving fresh increase of strength in Thy faith and in all good works, we may with greater confidence call Thee our Father, and evermore rejoice in Thee: Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

2. **Thou** Son of the living God, Who, being the true Bread of life, dost feed and satisfy with Thy body and blood all troubled souls, all restless consciences, all hungry and thirsty hearts, and dost invite all men to this heavenly meal; receive us also graciously; feed and quicken our needy souls with Thy true body and blood unto everlasting life. Amen.

3. In remembrance, O Holy Father, of Thy unspeakable love and Thy divine commandment, we bring Thee thanks, not as we ought, but as we can, and present ourselves unto Thee as a living sacrifice, through Jesus Christ; this sinful body that it may be consecrated by Thy power to be an instrument of righteousness, and a temple of the Holy Ghost; this soul and this spirit, that Thou Thyself, with Thy Son, mayest abide therein; this heart, that Thy peace may reign in it, and the fire of Thy divine love may fill it, to the destruction and consuming of all self-will, all anger and hatred, and all ungodly passions in us; finally, this mortal life, with all the gifts and faculties which we have received from Thy fatherly goodness, that they, being sanctified by Thy grace, may serve alone Thy will and glory; that so we, by Thy divine working within us, may be fashioned into the likeness of Thy dear Son, for His sake. O Lord, our Heavenly Father, we firmly trust that Thou wilt now look on us with grace, and accomplish by Thy Holy Spirit this offering of ourselves. Amen.

4. O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, Who, according to the will of the Father, and by the working of the Holy Spirit, hast through Thy death given life to the world: By that sacrifice of Thy precious body and blood, deliver us from all our sins, and from all evils; and make us ever to obey Thy commandments; that so we may never be separated from Thee, neither in this world, nor in the world to come; Who livest and reignest, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

5. **O Lord** Jesus Christ, though of a truth I am not worthy that Thou shouldest come under my roof, yet am I in sore need of Thy help, and desirous of Thy grace, that I may attain godliness and salvation. I come now in no other confidence than this, that I have heard the sweet words wherewith Thou invitest me to Thy table, and dost promise me, unworthy though I be, forgiveness of my sins through Thy body and blood, which I eat and drink in this Sacrament. O dear Lord, I know that Thy Divine word and promise are true; I doubt them not; and, resting on them, I eat and drink with Thee. Be it unto me according to Thy word. Amen.

6. **O God,** Redeemer of Israel, who wentest before Thy Church in the wilderness in the fiery and cloudy pillar, guiding them to the rest which Thou hadst promised, we thank Thee that Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, whereby we are redeemed from the house of bondage, and the dominion of him that had the power of death. By the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost, may we be cleansed from all the pollutions of our servile state; and daily may we eat of the hidden manna, even the word of Thy truth, and be made strong for our journey through the wilderness by the bread which cometh down from heaven; till at length we enter Thy promised rest, that eternal inheritance which Thou hast prepared for all that love Thee, whither the forerunner is for us entered, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers after Communion.

7. **Grant,** O Lord, that we who are Thy soldiers here may enjoy Thy peace hereafter; that the eyes which have looked upon Thee in Thy sacrament of love may also behold the fruition of Thy blessed hope; that the tongues which have sung Thy praises may also speak the truth; that the feet which have stood in Thy sanctuary may walk in the land of light; and that the bodies which have feasted on Thy living Body may be restored in newness of life, to dwell with Thee where Thou reignest with the Father, and the Holy Ghost, in the unity of the Godhead, King for evermore. Amen.

8. **Defend,** O Lord, with Thy protection those whom Thou satisfiest with heavenly gifts; that, being set free from all things hurtful, we may press onward with our whole heart to the salvation which cometh from Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

9. **We** thank Thee, O Lord our God, that Thou hast enabled us, though unworthy, to receive Thy pure and heavenly gifts. We thank Thee that Thou hast made Thyself known to us, and hast drawn us close to Thyself in this blessed Sacrament. O grant that we may hear Thy sweet voice in our heart speaking to us by Thy holy life-giving Spirit, the Minister of Thy presence, Who unites us with Thyself, to seal us unto the day of Thy last redemption with Thine own image and likeness. Lord most merciful, we beseech Thee that we may not grieve the Holy Spirit of God; but, yielding to all His grace, may know, love, and follow all Thy will, and

showing forth our thanks and praise in our life by giving up ourselves to Thy service, may attain to serve and praise Thee where Thou livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

10. **Lord** Jesus Christ, Who camest to seek and to save that which was lost, and Who in this wonderful Sacrament renewest our life in Thee: Grant to us, we beseech Thee, through the power of Thy Holy Spirit, the special graces which we need.

Our sins are many and grievous, and Thou, O Lord, knowest them all. Thou seest us more truly than we see ourselves. Help us against the sins which we know not, as well as those which we know. Lord, help us, for our trust is in Thy strength alone. Grant us to be careful in avoiding temptation, and diligent in striving against all evil thoughts, and passions, and desires. Give us such courage, and zeal, and holy fear, that we may henceforth be more steadfast in the conflict against sin, and at last may overcome.

And we beseech Thee, O holy Saviour, for grace to acquire the Christian virtues which we need. Give us faith and love and hope, kindness and meekness, humility and self-denial, and all Thine other gifts which are well pleasing unto Thee.

Protect us from all things which check our growth in holiness. Grant that we may never wilfully interpose any hindrance to Thy gracious working in our souls, but may yield ourselves unreservedly to all that Thou wouldst accomplish in us; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

11. **Most** gracious Lord Jesus Christ, Who lovest us and gavest Thyself up for us upon the cross, and in this wonderful Sacrament dost give Thyself to us: We desire, sinful and unworthy though we are, to make in return the offering which Thou willest to receive at our hands. Lord, Thou knowest our selfishness and worldliness, the weakness of our faith, and the coldness of our love, and all our proneness to evil. Without Thy grace, our highest aspirations will be fruitless, our best intentions must fail. Yet, Lord, we humbly desire to give ourselves to Thee. Strengthen us, therefore, by Thy Holy Spirit, and by the power of our sacramental union with Thee, that we may be enabled to live henceforth not to ourselves but to Thy glory; striving in every thought and word and deed to do Thy will; bearing patiently all needful discipline and sorrow, as Thou didst bear the cross for us; and yielding ourselves wholly to Thy perfect service, so that in body, and soul, and spirit, we may be Thine, Who art our Lord and only Saviour. Amen.

12. **O blessed** Saviour, we have (this day) received Thee into our soul; leave us not, lest, losing Thee, we die. O Lord, forsake not Thou Thine own.

Thou hast fed us with that bread which came down from heaven, of which he that eateth shall never die; Thou hast given us to drink of that precious blood, shed for the remission of sins, which maketh our peace with God: O stablish the thing which Thou hast wrought in us!

Let us from henceforth walk worthy of the vocation with which we are called, that we grieve not the Holy

Spirit of God, nor cause Thee to depart from us, by Whose sacramental indwelling we are sanctified, and by Whose life we live. Forgive, O our Saviour, the unworthiness which Thou hast seen in this our Communion, and for Thy tender mercies' sake impute it not to us for sin. And now, Lord, abide in us, that we may abide in Thee, as Thou art in the Father, and the Father is in Thee, that we may be one with Thee, and with the Father according to Thy will.

For we are persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

13. **Almighty** Father, we lift up our hearts again to Thee, and give Thee thanks for the benefits Thou hast bestowed upon us.

Accept our worship, we pray Thee, forgiving its imperfections. May the holy influences of this day abide with us throughout the week, and may we express our gratitude to Thee by a more willing obedience to Thy commandments.

Blessed Lord, may we cherish the remembrance of all that Thou hast done and suffered for us, and of all that Thou hast promised to be to those who trust in Thee. O that we may love Thee, who hast so loved us! May Thy love constrain us to give ourselves wholly to Thee, for in loving Thee there is perpetual joy and strength. Enable us to attain a clearer vision of things unseen and eternal. Grant that every aspiration breathed into our

souls this day by Thy Holy Spirit may endure, so that we may rise to higher things in the days that are to come.

Keep us, and all our loved ones under the shadow of Thy wings. Grant unto them, as unto us, an inheritance among Thy saints, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to Whom, with Thee the Father, and the Holy Ghost, we ascribe all glory and praise, world without end. Amen.

(See also *Thanksgiving*, pp. 75-77, and also *Special Occasions*, pp. 165-171).

Special Occasions.

I.—Times and Seasons.

Commemoration of Christ's Nativity.

1. **Blessing**, and honour, and glory and power be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and to the Lamb for ever and ever. O Lord God of our salvation, Thou hast remembered us in our low estate, out of Thy mercy that endureth for ever. Thou hast raised up a great salvation, and a mighty deliverance for us, to heal the sinful, to help the miserable, and to save that which was lost.

We bless and magnify Thee for the designs of Thy love, and the counsels of Thy wisdom, that God should be manifested in the flesh, to destroy the works of the devil; and that the eternally beloved of Thy soul should be made the son of man, to make us the children of God.

O Lord our God, Who hast laid help upon One that is mighty, and found a ransom for us, help us to entertain and welcome the joyful news. Prepare us for the blessed Saviour; that He who came into the world in the fulness of the time, may come into our souls with the fulness of His grace, and with all the blessings and consolations of His coming.

2. **Most** merciful Father, Who didst not withhold Thine only-begotten Son, but for our sins didst send

Him forth to take our nature upon Him and be born of a virgin, we laud Thee, we magnify Thee, we exalt Thy Name for ever and ever. Our souls recall with thanksgiving the joyful day when it could be said, Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given! Humbly we entreat Thee that, through the incarnate life and willing sacrifice of Thy holy Child Jesus, we may be both cleansed from defilement, and also born again into the likeness of His purity, to Thine endless praise.

Most pitiful and condescending Son of the Father, Who, being in the form of God and with God, didst come in Thy great humility to visit us, making common cause with our evil race; we adore Thy tender love towards mankind, and pray that we and all men may so learn of Thee who art meek and lowly in heart, that we may follow the example of Thy patience, and at the last share Thy reward. Grant, Lord Jesus, that as the wise men of old were led to Thy cradle by a light from heaven, so our hearts may be guided this day to contemplate and adore the mystery of Thine incarnation and the grace of Thy nativity. We would present unto Thee better gifts than gold or myrrh, even the offering of a contrite heart and of an obedient will.

Grant, O Spirit of holiness, that He who was made flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth, may, through Thy mighty operation, be so formed within each of us as the hope of glory, that we also may be made the children of God by regeneration and the adoption of grace. Cause every one of us to become as a little child. Renew our wills. Make us simple and teachable. Purge from our hearts passion and conceit, pride and guile; that we all may be fit as true disciples to follow Him who was born at Bethlehem. O God, let there be peace

on earth with goodwill to all mankind; that the coming of our Saviour may be good tidings unto all people.

Commemoration of the Crucifixion.

3. **O Lord** God, Who didst send down Thine only Son, to redeem the world by His obedience unto death; grant, we humbly beseech Thee, that the continual memory of His bitter cross and passion may teach us so to crucify the flesh, with the affections and lusts thereof, that dying unto sin and living unto Thee we may, in the union and merits of His cross and passion, die with Him, and rest with Him, and rise again with Him, and live with Him forever; to Whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

4. **Almighty** God, Whose beloved Son Jesus Christ, for us men and for our Salvation, endured the Cross, despising the shame; grant that always looking to Him we may have grace to crucify this sinful flesh with the affections and lusts, and taking up our cross daily may follow after Him, until we attain to the place where He is now set down at the right hand of Thy throne on high; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

5. **O Lord** Jesus Christ, Who didst pray to Thy Father to pardon those who crucified Thee, help us, Thine unworthy servants, under provocations and injuries, to follow Thy holy example, to be slow to take

offence, to be patient, gentle, and forgiving, that so, living in peace and charity with all men, we may in the end be admitted to Thy glory.

6. **Lord Jesus Christ** our Saviour, Who for man didst bear the agony and the cross; draw Thou near to Thy servants who suffer pain of body or trouble of mind; hallow all their crosses in this life, and crown them hereafter where all tears are wiped away.

7. **Eternal** God, Who hast appointed Thine only Son our King and Priest, that we might be sanctified by His sacrifice of Himself upon the cross; grant that we may in such sort be participant of His benefits that we may renounce our own selves, and serve Him in all holiness and purity of life, and may offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable unto Thee, through the self-same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

8. **O Lord**, Who by Thy Providence dost guide and govern all things, and hast sent unto us Thy well-beloved Son to deliver us from sin and death by the oblation of His body on the cross: grant that we may continually acknowledge this Thine unspeakable gift, and that we may ever have our hearts and mouths open to proclaim Thy praises among all men, by the self-same Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Commemoration of Christ's Resurrection.

9. **Blessed** be Thou, O God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who, according to Thine abundant mercy, has begotten us again to a lively hope, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead; to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved for us in heaven. Grant, we beseech Thee, that, having this hope in us, we may be led by Thy grace to walk worthy of it. May we be crucified unto the world, and raised with Christ to newness of life. And being risen with Him, may we also be enabled in heart and mind to ascend with Him to heavenly places, and to seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth at Thy right hand; to the end that, having our conversation in heaven, and our life hid with Christ in God, we may rest in the cheerful and confident persuasion that, when He Who is our life shall appear, we also shall appear with Him in glory.

10. **Most** holy, most glorious Saviour and Redeemer, Who for our sake didst descend from the glories of heaven to the pains and labours of the earth, and didst pass from a painful life to an ignominious death, from the bitterness of death to the darkness of the grave, and by Thy Divine power didst raise Thyself from death to life again; we give Thee thanks for Thine infinite love to us and all mankind. We acknowledge Thee to be our Lord, and confess Thee to be our God. We adore Thy majesty, and rejoice in Thy mercy; and we humbly

pray Thee to enable us by Thy Spirit to believe all Thy doctrines, and to obey all Thy commandments, that after a holy and religious life, spent in doing honour to Thy holy Name, we may be partakers of Thy holy resurrection, passing from death to life, from the darkness of the grave to the light of Heaven, from imperfect service to the perfection of holiness in the fruition of the joys of God in Thy eternal kingdom, O most holy, most glorious Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.

11. O Lord Jesu Christ, the true Paschal Lamb, Who according to Thy word didst rise the third day from the grave, Who through Thy resurrection hast given us the sure hope of eternal life, Who wilt come again at the end of time to judge the quick and the dead; we sinners beseech Thee to hear us:

That we may truly rise from the grave of our sins,

That we may conquer our evil desires, and die to our sins,

That we may grow in knowledge and love of Thy holy teaching,

That we may serve Thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life,

That our sorrows may, like Thine, one day be turned into eternal joy,

That we may not seek after things on earth, but things in heaven,

That we may awake at length from the grave to the resurrection of eternal life,

That at the general resurrection we may have a share in Thy kingdom.

12. **O Lord** Jesus Christ, Who, for our sins, didst endure the cross and the grave, and then on the third day didst rise again from the tomb; grant that by Thy blood we may be cleansed from sin, and that, as we are buried with Thee in Baptism, so by Thy grace we may share in the first resurrection; through Thy mercy, O our God, Who art blessed, and dost live and govern all things, world without end. Amen.

13. **Grant**, O Lord, that as we are baptised into the death of Thy blessed Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, so by continual mortifying our corrupt affections we may be buried with Him; and that through the grave and gate of death, we may pass to our joyful resurrection; for His merits, Who died, and was buried, and rose again for us, Thy Son Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

14. **Almighty** God, Who through Thine only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of Everlasting Life; we humbly beseech Thee, that, as by Thy special grace preventing us, Thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by Thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

15. **O Thou** God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we render Thee most humble and hearty thanks, that when He had descended into the grave, Thou didst not

suffer Thy Holy One to see corruption, but didst show unto Him the path of life, and raise Him from the dead, and set Him at Thine own right hand in the heavenly places. Grant us grace, we beseech Thee, to apprehend with true faith the glorious mystery of our Saviour's resurrection, and fill our hearts with a lively hope, that amid all the sorrows, trials, and temptations of our mortal state, and in the hour of death, we may derive strength and comfort from this sure pledge of an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, and that fadeth not away.

Commemoration of the Ascension.

16. **We** give thanks unto Thee, O God, because Thou hast given us Jesus Christ, Thine only Son, Who was made man, without spot or sin, to make us clean from all sin; Who by His death has destroyed death, and by His resurrection has restored us to everlasting life; Who has ascended up into heaven to prepare a place for us, that where He is, thither we might also ascend and reign with Him in glory.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Thy glorious Name; evermore praising Thee and saying, "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of Thy glory; glory be to Thee, O Lord Most High."

Commemoration of the Descent of the Holy Spirit.

17. **O Eternal** God, the great Father of Spirits, the great Lover of souls, Who didst send Thy Holy Spirit upon Thy Church in the day of Pentecost, and hast promised that He shall abide with the Church for ever;

let Thy Holy Spirit lead us into all truth, defend us from all sin, enrich us with His gifts, refresh us with His comforts, rule in our hearts for ever, conduct us with His truth, and lead us in the way everlasting; that we, living by Thy Spirit and walking in Him, may by Him be sealed unto the day of our redemption. Let Thy Spirit witness to our spirits that we are the children of God; and keep us so for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

At Seed-Time.

18. **O Lord** our God, author and giver of all good things, Who hast ordained the earth to bring forth grass for cattle, and herbs and food for the service of man; look down in Thy compassion upon us, and bless, we beseech Thee, the labours of Thy servants, who till and sow the fields. Vouchsafe to us seasonable weather; cause Thy sun to shine, and let Thy rain and dew refresh the ground, that the fruits of the earth may be matured, our garners may be filled with all good fruits, and that there may be abundance of food, both for man and for beast. So we Thy people and the sheep of Thy pasture will give Thee thanks for ever: we will show forth Thy praise to all generations.

Harvest Thanksgiving.

19. **Grant** us, O Lord, so to bless Thee with grateful hearts for the bounty of Thine earthly harvest, that

fulfilled with Thy love we may bring forth fruit to Thee a hundredfold in this life, and in that harvest where the angels are the reapers we may be gathered as wheat into Thy garner; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

20. We praise Thee, O Thou Source of all life and strength and blessing, for the bountiful provision which Thou makest for the wants of Thy children, giving rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, and filling our hearts with food and gladness. We would bring Thee now our joyful thanksgiving for the harvest of the fields, and all the increase that the fertile earth has yielded. Thou hast ordered the course of the changing seasons, and appointed a time for sowing and a time for reaping; and while men have toiled, or watched, or rested from their work, Thy providence has never failed, and Thou hast prepared for them the reward of their labours. As we seek after the things that are needful for our mortal life, providing for ourselves food and raiment and shelter, and whatever outward good Thou grantest us, may we grow richer in the things of the spirit, and in all that makes us truly Thy children. May we enjoy the gifts of Thy bounty in wisdom, temperance, and thankfulness, ever mindful of the love which bestowed them. And may the remembrance of Thy fatherly goodness to us make our thoughts kind and gracious towards all our brethren whom we may help and cheer; that we may be ever generous and considerate, ready to succour the needy and to feed the hungry, and rejoicing to lighten any burden of poverty and distress. So may we show forth the power of that loving and self-denying spirit which was in Christ, and become less unworthy to be

called Thy children, and to receive Thine unnumbered gifts of blessing.

For the Last Sabbath of the Year.

21. **We** thank Thee for our preservation during the year that is gone, and for all Thy mercies in providence and grace, for all Thy dealings with us which we know to be blessings, and for all in which Thou hast blessed us though we knew it not. We praise Thee for all that Thou hast done for us, and all that Thou hast been to us; for the light wherewith Thou hast guided us; for the love wherewith Thou hast comforted us; for the faithfulness wherewith Thou hast corrected us; and for the patient pity wherewith Thou hast disciplined us. We will sing of mercy and of judgment; for in the darkest days, even as in the brightest, Thou hast been seeking to perfect that which concerneth us: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

22. **Eternal** Lord, God of our fathers, with Whom a thousand years are as one day, and Who hast been our Refuge from one generation to another: Mercifully remember us sinners who are of yesterday, strangers and sojourners on the earth, where Thy Son also tabernacled in the flesh; and so receive us into the pardoning comfort and the strong keeping of Thy grace, that we come not into condemnation before Thee for any of our fears that are past; but may be, now and in all ages, in Thy Son our Saviour; for His Sake, Who with the Father, and the Spirit, one

God, liveth and reigneth, the same yesterday, and to-day, and for ever. Amen.

For the New Year.

23. **Eternal** God, Who of old hast laid the foundation of the earth, and Whose Word is forever settled in the Heavens; Whose mercy is from everlasting, and rises anew in the morning of another year: Give us grace to awake and arise into Christ Thy Son, Who is our Morning Light; and grant that in all the years of our pilgrimage, walking by faith in Him, we may put on strength, and be enabled to endure in the way of life with joy unto the end; through Him Who came a Wayfarer with us on the earth, our Saviour: to Whom, with the Father and the Spirit, one God, be glory through Eternal ages. Amen.

24. **Ever-living** God, by Whose mercy we have come to the gateway of another year, grant that we may enter it with humble and grateful hearts.

Confirm our resolution, we beseech Thee, to walk more closely in Thy way and to labour more faithfully in Thy service, according to the teaching and example of Thy Son our Lord.

Let not the errors and offences of the past cling to us, but pardon us and set us free, that with a purer purpose and a better hope we may renew our vows in Thy presence, and set forth under the guidance of Thy Spirit to travel in that path which shineth more and more unto the perfect day of Thy heavenly kingdom.

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O Thou Who art from everlasting to everlasting, without beginning or end of days: Replenish us with Thy heavenly grace at the beginning of this year, that we may be enabled to accept all its duties, to perform all its labours, to welcome all its mercies, to meet all its trials, and to advance through all it holds in store for us, with cheerful courage and a constant mind. O Lord, suffer us not to be separated from Thee either by joy or sorrow, or any sin or weakness of our own; but have compassion upon us, and forgive us, and keep us in the strong confidence of Thine eternal love in Jesus Christ; that as Thou hast called us to immortality through Him, so we may pass the residue of our years in the power of an endless life; and to Thy Name shall be all the praise. Amen.

II.—Occasional Services.

For the Ordination of Ministers.

25. **Almighty** God, in Whom our fathers trusted, we bless Thee for all Thy goodness and loving-kindness towards us, and specially for those spiritual blessings which Thou hast conferred upon us through Christ Jesus; for His Church on the earth, and for those miraculous gifts of the Holy Spirit that were bestowed upon the prophets and apostles in the past ages of the Church; for the ordinary influences of the Spirit communicated to pastors and teachers in succeeding ages, by which means a Church has been maintained upon earth; for the Gospel message that God is in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself, and that Thou hast honoured us so far as to commit to us the ministry of

reconciliation. Unto us who are less than the least of all saints is this grace given, that we should preach the unsearchable riches of Christ. And though we have this treasure in earthen vessels, yet the excellency and the power are of Thee, O God.

We bless Thee, O Lord, Who hast inclined this our brother, whom we now set apart in Thy name, to the work of the ministry, to take upon him this holy office. Endue him, we beseech Thee, with Thy Holy Spirit, and make him an able minister of the New Testament. Grant that he may make full proof of his ministry, that so he may deliver his own soul, and promote the spiritual improvement of his hearers.

As he is called, in Thy providence, to dispense the bread of life to Thy household, endue him, we beseech Thee, with wisdom and fidelity, that he may give each his portion of meat in due season. By manifestation of the truth may he commend himself to every man's conscience in the sight of God. May the gospel which he proclaims prove the savour of life unto life, and the power of God to the salvation of many souls. So may he finish his course with joy, and when at last he gives an account of his stewardship and others shall enter into his labours, may he hear the Master's voice saying unto him, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." And unto Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, shall be the glory, world without end. Amen.

26. O Lord, to Whom all power is given in heaven and earth, Thou that art the Eternal Son of the Eternal

Father, Who hast so loved Thy Church that for the redemption of the same Thou hast humbled Thyself to the death of the cross, and hast appointed in Thy Church teachers, pastors, apostles, to instruct, comfort, and admonish the same, look upon us mercifully, O Lord, and send unto this our brother, whom in Thy name we have charged with the care of Thy Church, such portion of Thy Holy Spirit, as thereby he may rightly divide Thy word to the instruction of Thy flock. Give unto Him, good Lord, a mouth and wisdom, whereby Thy sheep may be fed in the most wholesome pastures of Thy most holy word, the blind and ignorant illuminated with Thy true knowledge. Let all grace abound towards him; and so guide and govern his ministry, by Thy Holy Spirit, that it may be to the praise of Thy Holy Name, to the furtherance of Thy kingdom, and the comfort of the Church; and finally, to the assurance of his own conscience in the day of the Lord Jesus, to Whom with the Father and the Holy Ghost, be glory, now and ever. Amen.

27. **O God,** Who settest the members, every one of them in the body, as it seemeth good to Thee, Who puttest honour upon some for the edifying of the rest, we come unto Thy presence, beseeching Thee for him whom we now ordain to the ministry of Thy House [and of Thy Word], that Thou wilt endow him with Thy spiritual gifts, and enable him to fulfil his various duties to the glory of Thy Name and the edifying of Thy Church; that he may be a faithful and wise servant in all that is committed to him, not counting his life dear,

but willingly giving it unto Thy service, and may so fulfil his promises and vows that he may hold fast his profession without wavering, finish his course with joy, and of Thy mercy receive a full reward in Thine eternal and glorious kingdom.

28. **O Lord** God Almighty, Whose Name is Holy, we thank Thee for the unspeakable gift of Thy Son Jesus Christ, and for the Word of Truth by which He has been revealed to us as the Saviour.

We praise Thee that in Him Thou hast called us into the holy fellowship of Thy people. We bless Thee for Thy love to the Church. Thou hast been her strength in weakness, her light in darkness, her defence in the day of evil, and the source of her patience, faith, and triumph in all ages.

We thank Thee for the gospel ministry, and for the assurance which Thou hast given to all Thy faithful servants that in their witnessing for Thee, Thou wilt be with them alway, even unto the end of the world.

And now, O Lord, we beseech thee, grant us Thy promised grace, as in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the King and Head of His Church, we do ordain Thy servant before Thee unto this holy ministry. Endue him with the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Ghost. Enrich him with all knowledge and utterance. Fill him with the wisdom and the gentleness of Christ. Make him an example to believers in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, and purity. Make him wise in winning souls. May he

be a guide to those who are in darkness, a succourer of the oppressed, a helper of the poor and needy.

Bless the people of his charge. May they be edified by his ministry, established in all holy conversation and godliness, guided into manifold Christian labour, and kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, unto Him be glory in the Church of Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

29. **Merciful** Father, Who desirest to be the Saviour of all men, and Who hast sent Thy Son into this world to bring sinners back to Thyself; Thou Who willest that Thy Church should proclaim to all men even unto the end of time Thy justice and Thy compassion, we bless Thee that Thou hast called Thy servant to be the confessor and witness of Thy truth in the ministry of the Word. O Thou from Whom flows all life, all grace, all strength, vouchsafe unto Thy servant at this solemn hour the outpouring of the Holy Spirit; and when Thou hast Thyself consecrated him to Thy service inspire and sustain him all the days of his life. Make him faithful, steadfast, and courageous in the setting forth of Thy Gospel; that he may never be ashamed of Thy truth, and that his lips may never be sealed by the fear of men. So strengthen him in his faith and in his inner life that he himself may be the first to be affected by the truths which he proclaims, and that it shall be out of the fulness of his heart that his mouth speaks.

Preserve him amid the snares and enticements of the

world. In success, keep him from pride; in days of difficulty, suffer him not to be cast down. Close his heart against doubt; establish him in the faith. Give him to be not only a faithful preacher of Thy Gospel, but a humble disciple and imitator of Jesus Christ, walking in purity, in love, in gentleness, and in patience. May he be a true shepherd of the flock which Thou shalt give him, helping the feeble sheep, healing the sick, caring for the wounded, bringing back the wandering, and seeking for those that are lost.

Be Thou, O Lord, his comfort and his refuge amid the trials of his life and the difficulties of his task. Suffer him not to toil in vain; but grant that his words and work may be powerful to the breaking down of hardened hearts, to the awakening of those that are asleep, to the strengthening of those that believe; and when Thou shalt call him to labour on a barren soil and to sow without reaping, give him to find in Thy love his encouragement and his reward. Hear, O God, the prayers which we offer to Thee on his behalf; that when he shall have served Thee faithfully upon earth, he may be enabled at last to appear before Thee in the company of the souls which he has won, and to say, Behold me Lord with all those whom Thou hast given me! and that he may then hear that gracious word, Well done, good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of Thy Lord!

For the Ordination of Elders and Deacons.

30. **O Lord** God and heavenly Father, we thank Thee that it hath pleased Thee, for the edification of Thy

Church, to ordain in it, besides the ministers of the word, rulers and assistants, by Whom the Church may be preserved in peace and prosperity; and that Thou hast granted us in this place, men who are of good report, and we hope endowed with Thy Spirit. We beseech Thee, replenish them more and more with such gifts as are necessary for them in their ministrations. Give grace to them that they may persevere in faithful labour, and never become weary in Thy service. Grant also Thy Divine grace to this people, over whom they are placed, that they may willingly submit themselves to those who are in authority amongst them, to the end that Thy Holy Name may be magnified, and the kingdom of Thy Son Jesus Christ enlarged, in Whose name we conclude our prayer, saying "Our Father," etc.

For the Ordination of Elders.

31. We entreat Thee now on behalf of these Thy servants, who have been elected to take part with us in this ministry, and into whose heart Thou hast put it to accept the call that has been given them. And as we now in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church, do ordain them to the office of Ruling Elder, we commend them to Thee and to the word of Thy grace. Bless them, we beseech Thee, in their own souls. Endue them with a double portion of Thy Spirit. Help them to rule well their own houses. Bestow upon them more and more those gifts they shall require for the care and government of Thy people. Fill them with humility and meekness, with courage and faithfulness, with wisdom and prudence, with tenderness and charity. Make them examples to all that believe,

in word, in manner of life, in love, in faith, in purity. May they be zealous to win souls, diligent in tending the flock of God, and faithful in imparting comfort to the afflicted. If it be Thy will, spare them long; make them faithful unto death; and when the Chief Shepherd shall be manifested, may they receive the crown of glory that fadeth not away.

32. **Almighty** God and Father of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, Who hast given Him to be Head over all things for the Church, and hast distributed unto Thy servants by Thy Spirit divers gifts and offices whereby Thy Church may be edified, we thank Thee for these Thy servants who have been called unto the office of the eldership amongst us, and for their willingness to serve Thee in the work of Thy Church. We beseech Thee now to accept them, and to pour out upon them Thy Spirit, as in the name of Christ, the Lord and Head of the Church, we set them apart to their holy office.

We pray Thee to make all grace abound towards them. Enable them to serve Thee with consecrated hearts, and to be faithful in the discharge of all their duties. As under-shepherds, learning of Christ, may they tend the sheep and the lambs of His flock. By their life and example may they bear witness to Him, and be the means of advancing His kingdom of grace.

Give them the spirit of wisdom, that when they sit in the courts of the Church and take counsel with others in regard to its welfare, they may deal wisely and faithfully, as those who have the mind of Christ. When they minister at the Lord's table, bearing in their hands the vessels of the Lord, may their own hearts be cleansed

and prepared for that holy service, and they themselves be vessels unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the Master's use. Through the grace given unto them, may they be enabled to deal with others in faithfulness, tenderness, patience and love.

May they be a strength to their fellow-elders and fellow-labourers in Christ's service; and may they continue in well-doing unwearied unto the end. And when the Chief Shepherd shall appear may they receive from Him that crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give.

And unto Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost shall be the glory, world without end. Amen.

For the Ordination of Deacons.

33. **Almighty** God, giver of all good things, Who of Thy great goodness hast vouchsafed to accept and take these Thy servants into the office of deacon in Thy Church; make them, we beseech Thee, O Lord, to be modest, humble, and constant in their ministration, to have a ready will to observe all spiritual discipline; that they having always the testimony of a good conscience, and continuing ever stable and strong in Thy Son Christ, may so well behave themselves in this inferior office, that they may be found worthy to be called unto the higher ministries in Thy Church; through the same Thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory and honour, world without end. Amen.

34. **O Lord** Jesus, Who, although Thou wert rich, yet for our sakes became poor, that we through Thy poverty

might become rich, set apart and consecrate these Thy servants to the office of Deacon. Give them Thine own spirit of sympathy with all human needs and suffering, and of holy, self-denying service in behalf of those who suffer and are in want. Guide them in their ministry of love until their work on earth is done; then grant them that they may inherit the kingdom which has been prepared for them before the foundation of the world. Amen.

For the Laying of a Foundation-Stone of a Church.

35. **Almighty** and everlasting God, mercifully be pleased to bless this stone which we are about to place for a foundation, in the name and strength of Him who is the tried and precious Stone; and grant that all they who to the furtherance of this work shall have faithfully offered to Thee of their substance, may ever be preserved both in body and soul.

O God, Who art the shield and defence of Thy people, be ever at hand, we beseech Thee, to protect and succour the builders of this house; that the work which, through Thy mercy hath now been begun, may by their labour be brought to a happy end.

O God, Who hast built the living temple of Thy Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone; grant unto the work of Thine own hands continual increase of glory and spiritual strength, and daily make thy people more meet for the eternal tabernacle of Thy rest in the heavens; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

36. **Except** the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it. Except the Lord keep the city, the watchman watcheth but in vain.

Lord God of Israel, there is no God like Thee in heaven above or in the earth beneath, Who keepest covenant and mercy with Thy servants that walk before Thee with all their hearts. Wilt thou indeed dwell with men on the earth? Behold, the heaven of heavens cannot contain Thee; how much less the house that Thy servants have begun to build for the honour of Thy great and glorious Name, and for the extension of the knowledge of Him Whom Thou hast made to be head over all things to the Church!

Let Thine eyes be open towards this house, we humbly beseech Thee, and hear the prayers and supplications which we offer here before Thee this day; and enable Thy servants successfully to bring to completion that which they have begun to build for Thy glory.

Give to those who have promoted this undertaking a sufficiency of means for all that they have set their hands to do. Preserve from accident and bodily hurt them that labour with their hands at the building of these walls; and when at length this house is finished, let it be an house of blessing to all who enter it. May it be to them the house of God, and the gate of heaven. Let it be said of this man and that, that he was born here. Bless all who shall minister within these walls, and grant them grace to serve Thee faithfully, as under-shepherds of Him who is Himself the Great Shepherd of the sheep. Bless all who shall worship here in days to come, enabling them to worship Thee in spirit and in truth.

Sustain them in faith, and make them a people zealous of good works.

Accept their offerings, and satisfy them with the goodness of Thy holy Place.

Bless the pastor of this congregation, and all the office-bearers, and encourage their hearts by showing them many tokens that Thou art working with them, and causing Thy work to prosper in their hands. Bless that branch of Thy Church with which this congregation is connected, and make it a mighty instrument for the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom in this land, and among the nations.

Forgive, we beseech Thee, our many sins, and graciously accept us in Him Who has taught us to pray, saying, "Our Father which art in Heaven," etc.

For the Dedication of a Church.

37. **O God,** Who unto every age givest knowledge of Thyself; we yield Thee hearty thanks for many holy men, who laid of old among our fathers the foundation of Jesus Christ, for the marvellous calling wherewith Thou hast kept Thy flock, and for renewing in this our day the shepherding of Thine ancient fold: we praise Thee for this house of Thy doctrine and service which Thou, Lord, only, by the prayers and hands of Thy servants hast raised high in so fair sanctity: humbly beseeching Thee to build and bind Thy people, one and all, into one spiritual fitly framed temple, wherein shall be no walls of partition; and glorifying Thee for the glorious hope of this day and hour, that what now is hallowed in dedication may be evermore filled with the glory of Thy indwelling. Therefore be Thou magnified, O Lord, in Thy holy places, and manifest Thyself in the sanctuary which we have builded, so that Thou Who workest all

Thy will in the sons of Thy adoption, may continually be praised in the joy of Thine heritage; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

38. **O Lord** God, Who, although the heaven and earth cannot contain Thee, yet condescendest to have habitations upon earth, where we may continually call upon Thy Name; visit, we beseech Thee, this place with Thy wonderful loving-kindness, cleanse it by Thy grace from all pollution, and ever keep it pure: and as Thou didst accept the devotion of Thy servant Solomon, so vouchsafe to send Thy blessing upon this our work, to accomplish our desires, and to drive hence all spiritual wickednesses.

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that those for whom this house of prayer is provided may be so filled with the Spirit of Thy grace that they may ever do Thy will with a pure heart and a ready mind, to the glory of Thy Name and the good of their own souls.

Give ear, Lord, unto the prayers which shall be offered unto Thee in this place, and with Thy mighty arm protect those who offer them. Be ever present with Thy children, and pour upon them bountifully all blessings both to their souls and bodies; and grant that they may so serve Thee in this life that in the world to come they may have life everlasting, and be made glad with the joy of Thy countenance.

39. **Almighty** and everlasting God, Maker of heaven and earth, Who dwellest not in temples made by hands, we humbly adore Thee for the revelation Thou hast

made of Thyself through Jesus Christ, Thy Son. We bless Thee that from of old Thy way has been in the sanctuary, and that Thou dost seek those to worship Thee who worship in spirit and in truth. We give thanks to Thee that Thou hast put it into the hearts of these Thy servants to erect this house for Thy public worship, that it may abide as a witness of Thy presence and covenant faithfulness, and as the means of the edification of Thy people in successive generations.

We know that by reason of our sins we are not worthy that Thou shouldest come under our roof; yet, O God most high and most holy, Whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain, how much less the temple made with hands, bestow on these Thy servants a readiness of heart in the consecration of this house to the honour of Thy great Name. In Thy name, and to Thy service, one God in three Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, we dedicate it; for offering to Thy adorable Majesty the sacrifices of prayer and thanksgiving; for reading and hearing Thy most holy Word; for the proclamation of the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; for the celebration of Thy holy sacraments; and for the performance of all other offices of our Christian faith. Accept, O Lord most gracious, this freewill offering at the hands of Thy servants, for the well-being of their souls, and for the glory of Thy most holy Name.

Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that when Thy people assemble themselves together in this house for Thy worship the Spirit of glory and of God may rest upon them, that with clean hands and pure hearts they may compass Thine altars. Grant, O God of eternal love, when Thy ministers proclaim here the Gospel of Thy grace, that sinners may be converted unto Thee,

and Thy true servants quickened, edified and comforted. Grant that Thy Holy Spirit may always accompany the administration of Thy Holy Sacraments in this place, and with His saving influence make them effectual means of grace to Thy people.

And we also pray that Thou wilt bless Thy holy universal Church of all ages and of all nations, in which, through Thy grace, these Thy servants have their part in the fulness of the one body. Bring us every day continually to a larger experience of the communion of saints. And finally, we beseech Thee to bring us, and all who in coming days worship in this house, together with all Thy redeemed, to that city of God wherein there is no temple, and of which the Lamb is the light. And unto the King eternal, immortal and invisible, the only wise God, be glory, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Prayers at the Dedication of an Organ.

40. **Almighty** Father, Who hast filled Thy servants with the Spirit of God, in wisdom and understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship to devise instruments of music, and hast graciously appointed that these may be used in the worship of Thy sanctuary, be pleased, we beseech Thee, to prosper the use of this Organ to Thy service in this Thy hallowed House of prayer.

Grant that it may tend to the promotion of Thy glory and the edification of Thy people.

Grant that all to whom Thou hast given skill in music and who can play well upon an instrument, may here ever seek to set forth Thy praise, and that all who listen

to their harmonies and melodies may be influenced thereby with holy and heavenly thoughts.

Grant that all Thy servants whom Thou hast called to minister in the Choir of this Thy House may do so as of the ability which Thou givest, seeking to edify the hearts of those who hear them, and to lift up their voices and spirits unto Thee.

Grant that all who worship Thee here, even if they sing not with their voices, may join in the songs of praise with the spirit and understanding, and thus be united with all who stand before Thee here in offering Thee worship in spirit and in truth.

O Thou Who hast taught us to glorify Thee in our bodies and our spirits which are Thine, help us, we beseech Thee, that whether we play with our hands, or sing with our lips, or listen with our ears, or whatever we do in word or deed, we may do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks unto God and the Father through Him. Amen.

41. **O Lord** God of Hosts, Who hast made all things and Whose praise is set forth by all Thy works, accept, we beseech Thee, the offering of this Organ which Thy servants here present unto Thee, and which we dedicate to Thy glory, and to the showing forth of Thy praise in this Church.

Grant that when the minstrel shall play, the hand of the Lord may come upon Thy people, and that when at the sound of this organ the singers shall lift up their voices in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, all Thy people may sing and make melody in their hearts to the

Lord. Hear these our prayers, and graciously receive this offering for the sake of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Use by a Choir before Service.

42. It is a good thing to give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, and to sing praises unto Thy Name, O Most High. Grant us grace, we beseech Thee, that, as we take part in Thy worship, our souls and all that is within us may be stirred up to bless and magnify Thy holy Name. Open Thou our lips, and our mouth shall show forth Thy praise. As Thou hast called us to lead the service of song in Thy sanctuary, keep us, we beseech Thee, from all irreverence and formality. Grant that what we sing with our mouth we may believe in our hearts; and what we believe in our hearts we may practise in our lives. May all we do be for the edification of Thy people, and the glory of Thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayer before Marriage.

43. Almighty and everlasting God, Who didst create man in Thine own image, and hast blessed him with many great and inestimable blessings, we thank and praise Thee for all Thy good gifts to us, both of Thy providence and of Thy grace; for the ties that bind us to one another, revealing to us Thy wisdom and love; and for this holy estate of marriage, which, from the beginning, Thou hast hallowed with Thy blessing; for all the gladness it brings to those who enter it, for the gracious responsibilities it lays upon them, and for the oppor-

tunities it gives of serving Thee and living to Thy glory.

We beseech Thee to look with Thy favour on these Thy servants, who lift up their hearts to Thee for Thy blessing. Enable them to plight their vows to one another in all sincerity, as in Thy sight, and to be faithful hereafter in keeping the same, to the glory of Thy holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

44. O God, Who hast consecrated the state of Matrimony to such an excellent mystery that in it is signified and represented the spiritual marriage and unity betwixt Christ and His Church; look mercifully upon Thy servants now to be united in this holy bond. Forgive them all their sins. Bestow upon them grace to fulfil to each other and to Thee the duties whereto Thou callest them; that Thy handmaid being adorned with the incorruptible ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in Thy sight of great price, may submit herself unto her husband as unto the Lord; and that Thy servant may love his wife, even as Christ loved the Church and gave Himself for it. O Lord, bless them both; keep them in safety under Thy protection; unite their hearts that they may fear Thy Name, and grant them to live with each other as heirs together of the grace of life, and hereafter to inherit Thy everlasting kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

45. We beseech Thee, O God, to accompany this Thine own ordinance, with Thy blessing, and to accept these Thy servants, who are now to be joined in the

honourable estate of marriage. As Thou hast brought them together by Thy Providence, so sanctify them by Thy Spirit, and enrich them with the blessing of Thy grace, that they may rightly perform the duties, enjoy the comforts, undergo the cares, and resist the temptations which accompany this condition, as becometh Christians. And unto Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, shall be the glory, world without end. Amen.

Prayer after Marriage.

46. **Most** gracious and loving Heavenly Father, we pray Thee to bless this husband and his wife. Spare them long to each other, if it please Thee, and keep them faithful to each other in holy love. Crown their lives with Thy goodness, and fill their dwelling with all good things. Make them a blessing to all whom Thou shalt give them. As Thy servants, may they be enabled to order their household in Thy fear. Amid all changes of this mortal life may they be one in Christ; and as heirs together of the grace of life, may they be helpers of each other in all duty, and succourers of each other in trial or sorrow. May they be enabled so to abide in Christ that they shall have their place at last among those who inherit His heavenly kingdom; and unto the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, shall be the glory, world without end. Amen.

47. **Eternal** God, Who hast consecrated the holy estate of marriage to be a holy mystery, representing the union of Christ and His Church; give Thy blessing to

these Thy servants, and let the light of Thy countenance be upon them in all the actions and events of their life. Unite their hearts in the closest union of love and holiness. Keep from them all ungentleness and harshness; make them humble, charitable, patient, and contented with each other, that they may delight in each other according to Thy blessed Word and ordinance, and rejoice in Thee; having their portion here in Thy love and service, and hereafter in the gathering together of Thy saints in the kingdom of glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

48. **God** the Father bless you, God the Son preserve you, God the Holy Ghost enlighten and sanctify you. The Lord visit you with His salvation, and fill you with the joy of His gracious consolation, the Lord unite your hearts to fear His holy Name, to abide in His love, and to walk in His laws continually. The Lord preserve you both from all evil, and bring you unto His eternal joys, there to reign with Him and all His saints, in glory everlasting. Amen.

For the Burial of the Dead.

49. **Eternal** God, we remember the frailty, the uncertainty, the awful brevity of our life upon the earth. We are strangers and sojourners, as all our fathers were. We dwell here for a little while. We plan and toil, we suffer and enjoy; and then heart and flesh faint and fail, and we pass away from the familiar places into darkness and silence.

O Lord our God, help us as we seek to raise our thoughts from this changeful life to the calm eternity in which Thou dwellest, and to those things which know no change, save from glory to glory. Our weakness appeals to Thy pity. Hold not Thy peace at our tears. Lead us to the Rock that is higher than we. Lift us out of our disappointed purposes and broken hopes into the peace of Thy holy and blessed will. Our spirits turn to Thee in humble trust. Amid the decay of visible things, draw nigh unto our fainting souls, O Thou invisible comforter. As the changes of life leave us poorer and sadder, may we know more of the constancy of Thy love, and the unfailing riches of Thy sympathy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

50. **Almighty** God, Who by the death of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ hast destroyed death, by His rest in the tomb hast sanctified the graves of the saints, and by His glorious resurrection hast brought life and immortality to light; receive, we beseech Thee, our unfeigned thanks for that victory over death and the grave which He hath obtained for us and for all who sleep in Him; and keep us in everlasting fellowship with all that wait for Thee on earth, and with all that are around Thee in heaven; in union with Him who is the Resurrection and the Life, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

51. **Almighty** God, our heavenly Father, Who in Thy perfect wisdom and mercy, hast ended for Thy servants

departed the voyage of this troublous life, grant, we beseech Thee, that we who are still to continue our course amid earthly dangers, temptations and troubles, may evermore be protected by Thy mercy, and finally come to the haven of eternal salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

52. **O God,** our heavenly Father, unto Whom we may come in every hour of darkness and sorrow, to pour out our griefs to Thee, and to rest our troubled hearts under the shelter of Thy compassion: hear now our prayer, we beseech Thee, for those who are bowed down in mourning and affliction. In their darkness may Thy light shine; in their loneliness may Thy presence be felt. Thou hast given us the blessed assurance that the sorrows of death are but for a little while, and that the grave is only as a gate of entrance to another world of life. We pray Thee, O our Father and Comforter, to grant us, in our saddest hour of bereavement, the joy and consolation of that hope; that when we part from those whom Thou callest away, we may say in our hearts that we shall meet again. May we who remain behind a little longer keep ever clear and bright the memory of their lives. May we be blest even now by a true communion of spirit with the unseen world, and live as members of one family, one company of friends and brethren, on earth and in heaven.

53. **We** give thanks to Thee and bless Thy holy Name, on behalf of all those whom Thou hast redeemed from his present evil world, who have lived and died in Thy

faith and fear, and now rest with Thee. Joyfully believing Thy Word, that they who are fallen asleep in Christ are not perished, but being absent from the body are present with the Lord, we thank Thee that there remaineth a rest to the people of God. And we pray that we may be followers of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises. By faith may we come to the heavenly Jerusalem, to the general assembly and Church of the first-born who are written in heaven, and to the spirits of just men made perfect. May our life be hid with Christ in God, that when Christ our life shall appear, we also may appear with Him in glory.

54. **O Thou** Who art the God of all comfort, Who healest the broken in heart, and bindest up their wounds, mercifully look upon those who are at this time bereaved. Be near to them in their sorrow, and let their sorrow draw them nearer to Thee. Now that earthly joy and comfort fail, let the things unseen and eternal grow more real, more present, more full of meaning and power. Let Thy strength sustain their weakness. Let Thy chastening be for their profit, that they may be partakers of Thy holiness. Let Thy grace enable them to say, "Not our will, but Thine be done." Let sorrow be free from bitterness. Let dutiful and trustful submission shut out repining. Let their minds be stayed on Thee in perfect trust, and filled with Thy peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

55. **Almighty** and everlasting God, we Thine unworthy servants beseech Thee, for Christ's sake, to have

mercy upon us. From the borders of the grave we cry unto Thee, For Christ's sake, have mercy upon us. It hath pleased Thee to call out of this world the soul of our departed (friend) whose body we now follow to (his) burial. We humbly entreat Thee that we may with true penitence of heart receive the warning of Thy providence, and consider that by reason of our guilt it is appointed unto us to die, and that in a moment when we think not we may appear before Thee. Yea, Lord, by reason of our sins we lie in the midst of death. Spare us, O Lord; O most pitiful and long-suffering Lord God, spare us a little longer, that we may take refuge in Christ, abiding in Him, that when He shall appear we may have confidence, and not be ashamed at His coming. O merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, suffer none of us to live without godliness and die without hope: but constrain us mightily by Thy love; that we being renewed by Thy grace, and accepted through Christ's intercession, may walk before Thee in newness of life, and praise Thee for ever among the assembly of the elect, where there shall be no more death, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away: which we implore for the sake of Him Who has taught us to say, Our Father, etc.

56. **Father** of Mercies and God of all comfort, look down in tender love and pity upon Thy bereaved servants whose joy is turned into mourning, so that, while they mourn, they may not murmur, or faint under Thy rod; but, remembering all Thy mercies, Thy promises, and Thy love in Christ, may resign them-

selves meekly into Thy hands, to be taught and disciplined by Thee. Convert them wholly to Thyself, and fill their desolate hearts with Thy love, that they may cleave more closely to Thee, Who bringest life out of death, and Who canst turn their grief into eternal joy.

APPENDIX I.

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APPENDIX II.

List of the Sources of Separate Prayers.

Note.—Much of the material in this book can be traced back to early Christian service-books. Much has also been derived from Reformation sources. It has not been thought necessary to indicate the ultimate sources in each case, but only where the prayer is to be found. In some few cases the source is unmarked, owing to the lamented death of the first convener of the Committee.

I. *Ordinary Public Worship.*

1. *Invocation.*

10. Sarum Liturgy.
11. Book of Common Prayer.
12. S. Augustine.
13. S. Augustine.
14. Book of Common Prayer.
15. Coptic (S. Basil).
16. Liturgy of S. James.
18. Savoy Liturgy.
19. Calvin (Baird's Liturgies).
20. Euchologion.
21. German Reformed.
22. Presbyterian Forms of Service.
23. Hunter.
24. Book of Common Order (of S. Giles' Cathedral).
26. German Reformed.
27. Scudamore's Manual.
28. Rigby Murray.
30. Book of Common Prayer.
31. Unitarian.
32. Unitarian.
33. The Garden of the Soul.

2. *Confession of Sins.*

5. Reformed Confession, 1525.
6. Hermann's "Consultation," 1545.
7. Book of Common Prayer.
8. Bersier.
9. Alcuin, 780.
10. Samuel Johnson.
11. Book of Common Prayer.
13. Jewish Synagogue Liturgy.
14. Service of Cathedral Church of Aberdeen.
15. Anselm.
16. Hunter.
17. Savoy Liturgy.
18. Catholic Apostolic.
19. Jones.
20. Alcuin and Jenks.

3. *Petition.*

3. Bright.
4. S. Basil.

5. Aids to Common Worship.
6. Aids to Common Worship.
7. Treasury of Devotion.
8. Stark, 1680.
9. Treasury of Devotion.
10. Treasury of Devotion.
11. Bishop Cosin.
12. Book of Common Order (of S. Giles).
13. Bishop Andrewes.
14. Channing.
15. Scottish Collects.
16. Book of Common Prayer.
17. Gregorian Sacramentary.
18. S. Augustine.
19. Roman Breviary.
20. Prayers for the Christian Home.
21. Aids to Common Worship.
22. S. Augustine.
23. Leo.
24. Bersier.
25. Liturgy of Neuchâtel.
26. Prayers for the Christian Home.
27. Martineau.
28. Scottish Collects.
30. Anonymous, 1578.
31. Jones.
32. Alford.
33. The Cloud of Witness.
34. Bright.
35. Bright.
36. Scottish Collects.
38. Hunter.
39. Rowland Williams.
40. Scottish Collects.
41. A Harvest of Myrrh and Spices, 1610.
42. Hermann's Consultation.
43. Bright.
44. Jacobite Liturgy of S. James.
45. Dawson.
46. Book of Common Prayer.
47. Gregorian Sacramentary.
48. S. Augustine.
49. Catholic Apostolic Liturgy.
50. Lee.
52. Alford.
53. Hunter
54. Moravian Liturgy.
55. Book of Common Prayer.
56. Book of Common Prayer.
57. S. Chrysostom.

4. *Adoration and Thanksgiving.*

8. Hermann's Consultation.
9. Reynolds (Book of Common Prayer).
10. Alford.
11. Prayers Ancient and Modern.
12. Adapted from Bishop Andrewes.
14. Rigby Murray (Church Prayer).
15. Hunter.
16. Bishop Andrewes.
17. Jeremy Taylor.
18. Lee.
19. Cowan.
20. Lee.
21. Ebrard.
22. Catholic Apostolic Liturgy.
23. Rigby Murray (Church Prayer).
24. The same.
25. The same.
26. Prayers for the Christian Home.

5. *Intercession.*

1. Liturgy of S. Chrysostom.
2. Moravian Liturgy.
3. Greek Church.
4. Cowan.
5. Bunsen (compiled).
6. Prayers for the Christian Home.
7. Rowland Williams.
8. Bishop Wilson.
9. Albrecht, 1560.
10. Alford
11. Prayers Ancient and Modern.
12. Moravian Liturgy.
13. Festal Liturgy.
14. Lee.
15. A Book of Common Worship.
16. Scottish Collects.
17. A Book of Common Worship.
18. Prayers Ancient and Modern.
19. Toplady.
20. Book of Common Worship (American Presb.).
21. The same.
22. The same.
24. Bishop Milman (Cuddesdon Manual).
25. C.M.S. Collection.
27. Alford.
28. S. Francis Xavier (Cuddesdon Manual).
29. Rev. Sir J. Phillips (Cuddesdon).
30. Bishop How (Cuddesdon).
32. C.M.S. Collection.
33. Bishop Wilson (Cuddesdon).
34. Lee.
35. The Priest's Prayer Book.
36. Catholic Apostolic Liturgy.
37. A Book of Common Worship.
38. The same.
39. Bishop Andrewes.
40. S. Clement.
41. Savoy Liturgy.
42. Bishop Hall.
43. Benson.
44. Book of Common Worship (American Presb.).
45. Liturgy and Offices of the Church.
46. Hungerford.
47. The same.
49. Bright.
50. (1) Bright.
(2) Bright.
(3) Benson.
51. Book of Common Worship (American Presb.).
52. Benson.
53. A Form of Prayer for Those at Sea.
54. The same.
55. Alford.
56. Book of Common Worship (American Presb.).
57. Benson.
58. Moravian Liturgy.
59. Book of Common Worship (American Presb.).
60. Benson.
61. Festal Liturgy.

6. *Illumination.*

2. Scottish Collects.
3. Bacon.
4. The Garden of the Soul.
5. Calvin.
6. Bright.
7. A Book of Common Worship.
8. The same.
9. Prayers Ancient and Modern.

10. Eastern Church.
11. A Book of Common Order (S. Giles).
12. Hunter.
13. Aids to Common Worship.
14. The Cloud of Witness.
15. Book of Common Prayer.

7. *Close of Worship.*

1. Rowland Williams.
2. The same.
3. John Knox's Liturgy.
4. Westminster Directory.
5. Scottish Collects.
6. Scottish Collects.
7. Scottish Collects.
8. Scottish Collects.
9. Arndt (Bunsen).
10. Greek Church (Bunsen).
11. Bunsen.
12. Church Prayer (Rigby Murray).
13. Book of Common Prayer.
14. The same.
15. Robert Louis Stevenson.
16. Jenks.
17. Stark (Bunsen).
18. Scottish Collects.
19. Beza.
20. J. Angell James.

8. *Doxologies and Benedictions.*

Benedictions.

11. Carter's Treasury of Devotion.

II. *The Sacraments and Special Occasions.*

I. *The Sacraments.*

1. *Baptism.*

1. New Directory.
2. Knox.
3. New Directory.
4. Knox.
6. Presbyterian Forms.

2. *Admission to Full Communion.*

1. Bishop How.
2. Catholic Apostolic Liturgy.
3. The same.
4. Compiled.
5. Catholic Apostolic Liturgy.

3. *The Lord's Supper.*

1. Calvin.
2. S. Augustine.
3. Rothe (Bunsen).
4. Roman Missal.
5. Luther (Bunsen).
6. Lee.
7. Liturgy of Malabar.
8. Leo.
9. Thanksgivings after the Communion.
10. The same.
11. The same.
12. The same.
13. Prayers for the Christian Home.

II. *Special Occasions.*

1. *Times and Seasons.*

1. Jenks.
2. Dykes.
3. Hamilton.
4. Scudamore.
5. Seymour.

6. Bright.
7. Scottish Collects.
8. The same.
10. Jeremy Taylor.
11. Priest's Prayer-book.
12. Mozarabic Liturgy.
13. Book of Common Prayer.
14. The same.
15. A Book of Common Worship.
16. Jeremy Taylor.
17. Book of Common Prayer.
19. Priest's Prayer-book.
20. Jones.
21. Alford.
22. Aids to Common Worship
23. The same.
24. A Book of Common Worship.

2. *Occasional Services.*

25. Scotch Minister's Assistant.
26. Knox's Liturgy.
27. Liturgy and Offices of the Church.
28. Presbyterian Forms.
29. Bersier.
30. Dutch Reformed Liturgy.
31. Presbyterian Forms.
32. Cowan.
33. Book of Common Prayer.
34. Hodge.
35. Priest's Prayer-book.
36. Compiled.
37. Benson.
38. Priest's Prayer-book.
39. Hodge. [York.
40. Form of Service used at
41. The same.
43. Compiled.
44. An Order of Worship by Two Ministers.
45. Westminster Directory.
46. Compiled.
47. Jeremy Taylor.
48. Catholic Apostolic Liturgy.
49. Hunter.
50. Dutch Reformed Liturgy.
51. The same.
52. Jones.
53. Conder.
54. The same.
55. Dutch Reformed Liturgy.
56. Euchologion.

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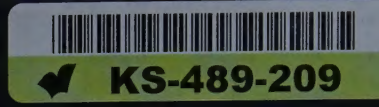
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